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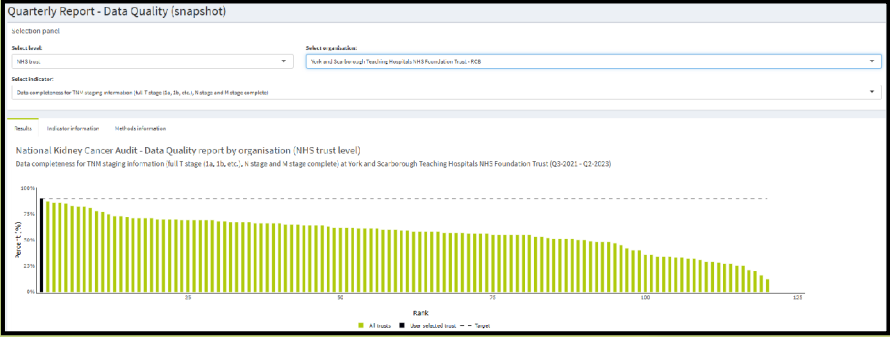
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Want to hear more?

The **NKCA** is part of the **National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN)**. If you want to **find out more about NATCAN** visit our [website](#). If you would like to **receive regular updates** send us an email NATCAN@rcseng.ac.uk

RShiny quarterly data dashboard



Trust ranking for data completeness of complete TNM. Dashed line is 90% target.

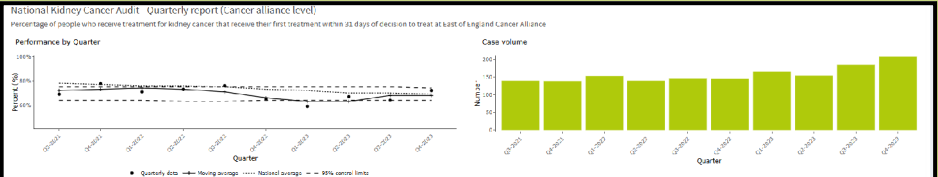
On 9th January 2025, the NKCA published their **first Quarterly Data dashboard report**.

Using an RShiny platform, it provides an interactive way for individual Trusts and Cancer Alliances in England to review their data quality metrics, essential for audit accuracy, and performance indicator results.

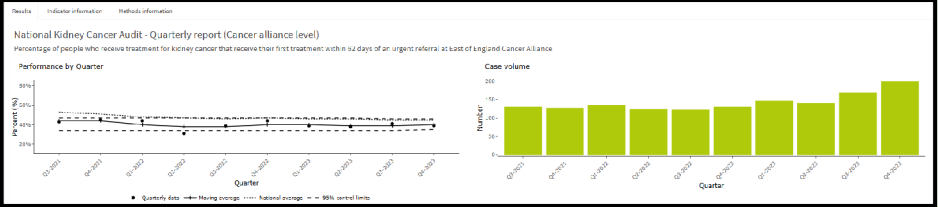
Dashboards will be **updated quarterly** (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct), but accessed using the **same link** for ease.

Data quality items (ethnicity, MDT date, morphology, PS, CNS availability) included in the January release are for **patients diagnosed 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2024**. Certain metrics (lesion size and TNM) are only available up to 30th June 2023.

Performance indicator results, percentage receiving their first treatment within 31 days of decision



% of people who receive treatment for kidney cancer within 31 days of decision to treat in East of England CA



% of people who receive treatment for kidney cancer within 62 days of urgent referral in East of England CA

to treat or 62 days of urgent referral, are available by quarter (up to December 2023) and also to view by Cancer Alliance. A **case volume histogram** over the same time period is also displayed.

Please review your Trust/Cancer Alliance results and we **welcome your feedback**. The dashboards are undergoing iterative development to ensure they continue to **meet the needs of our end users**, so do **get in touch**.

Data collection and sources

The **NKCA** does not collect data directly from providers.

The NKCA uses the **nationally mandated flows of data** from hospitals to the National Disease Registration Service (**NDRS**) in NHSE and the Wales Cancer Network (**WCN**) in Public Health Wales. Trust/Health Board data submissions are **linked to selected items from national datasets** to provide information on the diagnosis, management and treatment of kidney cancer.

The key COSD data requirements for NKCA are available [here](#).

Communications update



The NKCA has joined **Bluesky** ([@nkca-natcan.bsky.social](#)) and **LinkedIn**. Follow the NKCA there for news and updates.