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National Cancer Audit  
Collaborating Centre

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## NATCAN Newsletter, April 2025

### What's new?

- **Latest data:** Each audit published interactive [data dashboards](#) on 10 April. This includes new functionality to download reports. Further developments will be rolled out each quarter in response to your feedback. Our guide to the dashboards is available [here](#).
- **NLCA State of the Nation (SotN) Report:** Read the [latest SotN report](#) from the National Lung Cancer Audit team which is also published on 10 April alongside a [Patient & Public Summary](#).
- **Upcoming SotN Reports:** The National Kidney, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Ovarian, Oesophago-gastric, Pancreatic, Prostate and Breast (primary & metastatic) Cancer Audit teams are developing their next SotN reports scheduled for publication in September, followed by the National Bowel Cancer Audit SotN report in October.
- **NATCAN website:** We are developing a new website for NATCAN which will include all 10 audits and be launched in the Autumn. Thank you for providing your feedback to our survey!

### Comms

1. **Lancet Oncology:** Our [paper was published](#) in The Lancet Oncology on 31 March.

The National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN):  
improving the quality of National Health Service cancer care  
in England and Wales

Ajay Aggarwal, David Cromwell, Julie Nossiter, Jan van der Meulen, Kate Walker, on behalf of the NATCAN audit teams\*

"This Personal View provides comparisons between NATCAN and other international audit programmes, including how other countries could consider and incorporate components of NATCAN, alongside scope for future development"

2. **Social Media Launch:** We have expanded to [LinkedIn](#) and [Bluesky](#).



3. **BBC News:** BBC News covered NATCAN's efforts in identifying variation in cancer care, with an interview from our Clinical Director, Professor Ajay Aggarwal.



There is variation in different parts of the pathway but there are also improvements. The NHS is working actively to understand this variation and put in place improvement measures. The issues identified are not insurmountable because we see very good practice of care as well. We encourage hospitals to review the findings from the national cancer audits and act on the recommendations to drive improvements in care.

**Professor Ajay Aggarwal**  
Clinical Director, NATCAN



### Quality Improvement (QI)

**Next phase & QI Interventions:** NATCAN is moving into the next phase of our QI strategy, targeting specific improvement areas. Each audit is developing a Quality Improvement intervention for roll out this Autumn. More details to follow!

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