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Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues who are involved in pancreatic cancer care. If you were forwarded this email and would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us.

Reflections on the upcoming State of the Nation Report

"As the National Clinical Lead for HPB cancer for NHS England, I have been very pleased to be involved in the work of the Clinical Reference Group for the National Pancreatic Cancer Audit (NPaCA). The audit is now in its third year, having been launched in October 2022 as one of a family of cancer audits which sits under the umbrella of the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN). The team has been highly successfully in collaborating closely with a wide range of stakeholders in order to play its part in improving care and outcome for people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Although still in its relative infancy, the audit team have delivered a number of key outputs to aid the important work being undertaken within the pancreatic cancer community. These outputs include a Quality Improvement plan, Quarterly data dashboards and in September 2024, the team published its first State of the Nation Report and Patient and Public Involvement report. These reports gave an overview of how different clinical elements of the pancreatic cancer pathway across England and Wales and importantly, highlight any variation in practice for clinical treatments.

For the forthcoming 2025 version of the State of the Nation report, the NPaCA team has commenced its work in analysing data from a wide range of existing National cancer registration datasets, and over the coming months, I and other members of the audit's Clinical Reference Group will be discussing the resulting key findings from this analysis and identifying a number of recommendations for trusts to take forward over the next 12 months and beyond. I am hopeful that we will see important improvements in patient care, for example, disease-targeted treatment rates and supportive aspects of care. The findings and recommendations identified by the audit team, will continue to provide trusts and cancer alliances with guidance on how to reduce variation in pancreatic cancer care across the nation, to the benefit of those patients and families coping with a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

The report is due to be published in September, and I would strongly urge clinical colleagues to use the information and key recommendations to support and improve patient pathways and clinical practice".



Paula Ghaneh (pictured), NPaCA Clinical Reference Group member, Professor of Surgery at the University of Liverpool, & National Clinical Lead for HPB cancer for NHS England.

NATCAN Quality Improvement (QI) Event



NPaCA will be launching a QI initiative in the autumn and as part of the planning process for this, members of the NPaCA team were pleased to contribute to an in-person QI event, which was hosted by NATCAN, and held within the stunning library rooms at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The event was attended by a range of different stakeholders, including National Disease Registration Service (NDRS), Cancer alliance and patient representatives and provided an excellent opportunity for the NPaCA team to seek feedback on plans for the forthcoming QI work; details of which will be shared in the coming months.

Data Dashboard Update

The latest update to the NPaCA Data Dashboards went live on our web pages in April, providing a useful tool for trusts and Cancer Alliances to monitor progress against our key performance indicators (as identified within our 2024 Quality Improvement Plan).

The latest release includes a new function which facilitates the ability to easily download data, with further upgrades to the Data Dashboards currently under development.

Our social media channels

We have recently expanded our NPaCA social media channels to now include BlueSky and LinkedIn. Be sure to follow us!



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