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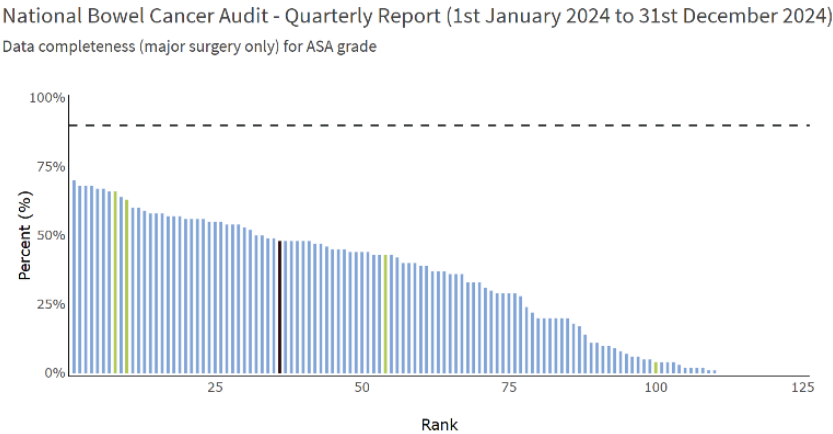
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Read the latest report with key recommendations to improve bowel cancer care across England and Wales.

1. Close the gap in ileostomy reversal: Support NHS providers to improve timely closure of diverting ileostomies after rectal cancer surgery. Learn more about the Royal College of Surgeons of England & NBOCA's **Close It Quick QI Collaborative**, a quality improvement initiative designed to streamline ileostomy closure pathways, by watching the webinar below.
2. Boost chemotherapy uptake: Units with low adjuvant chemotherapy rates for patients with stage 3 colon cancer to review individual cases and develop action plans to align with national targets.



Quarterly Data Dashboards – last updated Oct 2025



Get the most recent information on data completeness and select performance indicators at the levels of NHS Trust and Cancer Alliance in England throughout the year.

In addition, the new State of the Nation dashboard includes data for patients diagnosed or undergoing surgery between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023.

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Webinar Close it Quick Ileostomy Closure QI Collaborative



#CloseItQuick

Sites joining **Close it Quick** gain expert coaching, a **data dashboard**, and **resources** for peer collaboration. The program helps improve ileostomy pathways to **save money** and **relieve system pressure**.

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natcan.org.uk/audits/bowel

"One great thing about NBOCA is how the patient voice is embedded in all phases of the work. Patients are involved in the selection of audit performance indicators which reflect meaningful aspects of the patient experience, patient care and survival, and we get to see real-world impacts of that research when initiatives are pushed forward to address those indicators. I know first-hand how useful it is to have the NBOCA data to refer to in conversations with newly-diagnosed patients, to help them understand what to expect. The audit is not a tick-box exercise - it's driving real improvements for patients, and demystifying bowel cancer care, as well as shining a light on places where we need to do better."

Katrina Attwood
 Chair, NBOCA Patient and Public Involvement Forum