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



NOCA QI intervention

NOCA launched its **Quality Improvement (QI) intervention** at the start of November 2025. Focussed on the following performance indicator 'Percentage of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer within 28 days after an emergency admission who receive any treatment (surgery and/or chemotherapy) within 3 months from diagnosis', we contacted the clinical leads at all Gynaecological Cancer Systems in England and Wales with details of their results. Leads are encouraged to complete a 'response template' which will be compiled and shared in early 2026, with a summary of challenges and limitations experienced by trusts and examples of best practice. Please take a look at the QI intervention poster on our website, and the response log which shows who has responded so far.

Webinars

In October the NOCA Team presented our results and Quality Improvement work at two webinars. The first one was part of the NATCAN State of the Nation 2025 webinars. Listen here to Dr Georgia Zachou, NOCA Clinical Fellow, presenting findings from the NOCA State of the Nation Report 2025. In addition, take a listen to Prof Agnieszka Michael, NOCA Clinical Lead – Oncology, presenting at a webinar hosted by the Royal College of Radiologists. She shared important details on NOCA's Quality Improvement work. The recording can be found here.

UKGOM 2025

Did you see Dr Georgia Zachou, NOCA Clinical Fellow, presenting on behalf of the NOCA team at the UK Gynae-oncologist Meeting (UKGOM) in Manchester on 7th November 2025? Georgia presented on the recently published State of the Nation Report 2025 with a focus on health inequalities, and the NOCA Quality Improvement intervention and GOT You study.

January data dashboard

The next NOCA quarterly <u>data dashboard</u> will be published on the NATCAN website on **8th January 2026**, subject to clearance and sign-off. This report includes more recent data, patients in England diagnosed up to **June 2024**.

APPG event on women's health

NOCA team members were invited to an event in Parliament hosted by the APPG on Women's Health to launch its new position paper on ovarian cancer care in the UK, "Can We Fix Ovarian Cancer Without Fixing Women's Health?". NOCA was proud to contribute the population-level data and analysis underpinning several of the report's key findings, including evidence on diagnostic delays, treatment variation, and survival inequalities across the NHS. The launch brought together MPs, policymakers, clinicians, researchers, and patient charities calling for a shift in mindset to prioritise women's health, improved coordination between primary and secondary care, and the development of more specialised ovarian cancer treatment pathways.



