

Understanding Practice in the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme (UPCARE) - Workstream section

0.01 Programme name National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre

0.02 Workstream name National Kidney Cancer Audit (NKCA)

0.1 Contract status Ongoing

0.2 Audit or non-audit Audit

0.3 HQIP commissioned* Yes

0.41 HQIP AD CR

0.42 HQIP PM SW

1.0 Included in current NHS Quality Accounts* Yes

1.1a Geographical coverage - HQIP agreement* England; Wales

1.2a Topic - please select which ONE of the following best describes the topic area for the programme or workstream. If more than one apply, please select 'Other' and add comment to the next question.* Cancer

1.2b If you selected 'Other' above, please provide details.* Cancer and Urology

1.3a Healthcare setting* NHS secondary or tertiary care

1.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria* **Inclusion criteria:**

- Tumour group listed as "Kidney" and site ICD-10 code listed as "C64"

Exclusion criteria:

- Younger than 18 years old when diagnosed
- Diagnosed via death certificate only
- Date of diagnosis is the same as Office of National Statistics (ONS) date of death
- Diagnosed and treated outside of an NHS organisation in England or Wales
- Provider (e.g. Trust or Health Board) of diagnosis is not provided

1.5 Methods of data submission*

Extraction from existing data source(s)

1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

This is ongoing and in line with the [Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset \(COSD\)](#) reporting requirements.

1.6b 2024/25 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

This is ongoing and in line with the [Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset \(COSD\)](#) reporting requirements.

1.6c 2025/26 data submission closes - please indicate date, series of dates or frequency.*

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1.7 Data flow diagram

[NATCAN Dataflow diagram - with information on the NKCA dataflow and linkages](#)

1.9a Link to the outlier policy*

<https://www.natcan.org.uk/library/natcan-outlier-policy-nkca/>

2.6a Do measures align with any of the following sources of evidence (select all that apply)

Scottish intercollegiate guideline network; Professional society; Other (please describe in next question)

2.6b Evidence supplemental information

The [NICE guideline for Kidney Cancer](#) is in development [GID-NG10398] (Expected publication date: March 2026). A draft copy is available here [NICE guideline: kidney cancer - draft for consultation](#). A copy of the guideline scope was published in November 2023 and has been published on their website ([NICE guideline: Kidney cancer: diagnosis and management final scope](#)).

NICE are currently developing their [kidney cancer quality standards](#) which is to be published in March 2026. The NKCA have been liaising with the NICE kidney cancer quality standards team, and two of their team are part of the NKCA Clinical Reference Group:

CRG member name**Role**

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The measures for the NKCA align with the following sources of additional evidence:

- NHS England, see [NHS England Cancer Waiting Times](#)

- Accord QP15, see [Kidney Cancer UK Accord Report, Kidney Cancer UK, published 01.06.2022](#), and
- Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT), see [Renal Medicine GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report \(Published March 2021\)](#).

[Key COSD Data Items 2023/2024](#) - Information for trusts on data, particularly important for the Kidney Cancer Audit

3.1 Results visualisation	Static data files; Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts not available)
3.2a Levels of reporting*	National; Trust or health board; Cancer alliance
3.3 Timeliness of results feedback	Within 1 year; Within 2 years
3.4 Link to dynamic reporting*	https://www.natcan.org.uk/audits/kidney/reports-2/
4.02 2024/25 Dataset covers the period FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*	01/10/2022 - 30/06/2024
4.10 Dataset #1 name	NKCA COSD Dataset
4.11 Dataset #1 type	Clinical audit
4.12 Dataset #1 population coverage*	All eligible patients
4.15 Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets	Cancer outcomes and services dataset (COSD); Cancer network information system Cymru (CaNISC); Cancer waiting times (CWT); Hospital episode statistics (HES); Diagnostic imaging dataset (DID); Systemic anticancer treatment (SACT); Cancer patient experience survey (CPES); Radiotherapy dataset (RTDS); Patient episode database for Wales (PEDW); Office for National Statistics (ONS)
4.16 Dataset #1 specification	The NKCA team have not used the data from CPES (Cancer patient experience survey) for the 2024 State of Nation report and plan to do so in future audit rounds once they have carried out further methodological analysis.
5.00 When was your healthcare quality improvement plan (referred to as a QI Plan) last reviewed? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).	30/09/2025
5.11 Please add the hyperlink to where your clinical performance indicators (referred to as	https://www.natcan.org.uk/reports/nkca-quality-improvement-plan-2024/

metrics) are published on your project website.*

5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*	n/a
5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*	12/09/2024
5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*	11/09/2025
6.0 Please add the most recent date that you have reviewed and updated an online version of UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your project's website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).	17/11/2025
6.1 Please add a hyperlink to UPCARE Workstream section(s) on your website (click into the response to see pop-up guidance).*	https://www.natcan.org.uk/resources/nkca-upcare-tool/