



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 Lung Cancer Audit (NLCA)

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

1.1b Geographical coverage - External agreement* Jersey

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

1.3a Healthcare setting* NHS secondary or tertiary care

1.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria* Patients with a primary diagnosis of lung cancer (ICD-10 code C34) are included in the analysis. The following patients are excluded: patients identified with lung cancer through death certificate only, patients with non-lung cancer-related pathology codes and patients who cannot be assigned a trust of diagnosis.

1.5 Methods of data submission* Extraction from existing data source(s)

1.6a 2023/24 data submission closes - please indicate date, This is ongoing and in line with COSD reporting requirements.

**series of dates or
frequency.***

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

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1.7 Data flow diagram

[NATCAN-Data-Flows_291124_V1.4.pdf](#)

**1.8 Data quality &
analysis plan**

[Microsoft Word - NLCA Methodology Supplement_SotN report 2025_v1.0](#)

**1.9a Link to the outlier
policy***

[NATCAN Outlier Policy 2025 - National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre](#)

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

NICE clinical guideline; NICE quality standard

3.1 Results visualisation

Static data files; Annual report; Patient report; Interactive online portal (run charts available)

3.2a Levels of reporting*

National; Trust or health board

**3.3 Timeliness of results
feedback**

Within 2 years; Within 1 year

**3.4 Link to dynamic
reporting***

<https://www.lungcanceraudit.org.uk/data/>

**4.01 2023/24 Dataset
covers the period
FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)***

01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

**4.02 2024/25 Dataset
covers the period
FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)***

01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

**4.03 2025/26 Dataset
covers the period
FROM/TO (within
financial year 01/04 to
31/03)***

01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026

4.10 Dataset #1 name

Cancer registrations dataset provided by Public Health England

4.11 Dataset #1 type

Clinical audit

4.12 Dataset #1 population coverage*	All eligible patients
4.13 Dataset #1 items collected (n)	220
4.14 Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)	220
4.15 Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets	Hospital episode statistics (HES); Cancer outcomes and services dataset (COSD); Office for National Statistics (ONS); Systemic anticancer treatment (SACT); Radiotherapy dataset (RTDS); Cancer network information system Cymru (CaNISC); Cancer waiting times (CWT); Patient episode database for Wales (PEDW)
4.30 Dataset #3 name	Not applicable
4.40 Dataset #4 name	Not applicable
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).	29/09/2025
5.11 Please add the hyperlink to where your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) are published on your project website.*	https://www.natcan.org.uk/audits/lung/quality-improvement/
5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*	12 April 2023
5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*	10 April 2024
5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*	10 April 2025
5.23 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2026)*	12 February 2026

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).

07/11/2025

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/library/nlca-understanding-practice-in-clinical-audit-and-registries-tool-upcare-tool/>