



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 Prostate Cancer Audit (NPCA)

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*

Patients are eligible for inclusion in the prospective audit if they have newly diagnosed prostate cancer using the ICD10 diagnostic code of "C61" (malignant neoplasm of the prostate). A patient is included in the prospective audit in England if he has a record of newly diagnosed prostate cancer in the National Cancer Registration Dataset (or Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset). A patient is included in the prospective audit in Wales if a completed NPCA record was submitted and the Wales Cancer Network (WCN) can assign that record to a diagnosing Health Board

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 COSD reporting requirements.

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 Dataflow diagram - with information on the NPCA dataflow and linkages](#)

1.8 Data quality & analysis plan

<https://www.natcan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/NPCA-SotN-2025-Methodology-Supplement.pdf>

1.9a Link to the outlier policy*

<https://www.natcan.org.uk/library/npca-outlier-policy-2025/>

2.1 Outcome measures

<https://www.natcan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/NPCA-SotN-2025-Methodology-Supplement.pdf>

2.2 Process measures

<https://www.natcan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/NPCA-SotN-2025-Methodology-Supplement.pdf>

2.3 Organisational measures

[National Prostate Cancer Audit Organisational Audit 2022.xlsx](#)

2.4 Patient reported outcome measures

Outcomes of treatment: patient-reported: These performance indicators present the validated summary score for each EPIC-26 domain, which ranges from 0 to 100 with higher scores representing better function.

- Mean urinary incontinence score after radical prostatectomy (presented at the level of the surgery centre).
- Mean sexual function score after radical prostatectomy (presented at the level of the surgery centre).
- Mean bowel function score after radical radiotherapy (presented at the level of the radiotherapy centre).
- Mean sexual function score after radical radiotherapy (presented at the level of the radiotherapy centre).

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[Quality Improvement case study - Patient-reported urinary continence post-surgery_Nov2020](#)

2.5 Patient reported experience measures

[Patient experience of care: These process indicators provide information on key aspects of a man's experience of care following a prostate cancer diagnosis and were derived from selected NCPES questions in the NPCA patient survey.](#)

[- Proportion of patients who were given the name of a clinical nurse specialist \(presented at the level of the SMDT\).](#)

[- Proportion of patients rating their overall care as at least 8 out of 10 \(presented at the level of the SMDT\).](#)

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

NICE clinical guideline; NICE quality standard

2.6b Evidence supplemental information

[NPCA Methodological Update_September_2023.FINAL.PDF](#)

3.1 Results visualisation

Annual report; Interactive online portal (run charts not available); Patient report

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/reports/?search=&audit=prostate&category=all&audience=all#filter-summary>

4.02 2024/25 Dataset covers the period

01/10/2022 - 24/06/2024

FROM/TO (within financial year 01/04 to 31/03)*

4.10 Dataset #1 name	NPCA Minimum Dataset
4.11 Dataset #1 type	Clinical audit
4.12 Dataset #1 population coverage*	All eligible patients
4.13 Dataset #1 items collected (n)	237
4.14 Dataset #1 items from existing national datasets (n)	237
4.15 Dataset #1 use of existing national datasets	Cancer outcomes and services dataset (COSD); Cancer waiting times (CWT); Cancer network information system Cymru (CaNISC); Hospital episode statistics (HES); Radiotherapy dataset (RTDS); Patient episode database for Wales (PEDW); Systemic anticancer treatment (SACT); Diagnostic imaging dataset (DID); Cancer patient experience survey (CPES); Office for National Statistics (ONS)
4.16 Dataset #1 specification	https://www.npca.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/NPCA-Key-Data-Items_v0.2_January-2025.pdf
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).	21/11/2025
5.10 When were your clinical performance indicators (referred to as metrics) signed off by funders? Please upload under 'Files' below using the HQIP template and naming convention (click on response to see pop-up help text).	21/11/2025
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/reports/npca-quality-improvement-plan-2024/

5.20 National report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2023)*	12/01/2023
5.21 Published/planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2024)*	11/01/2024
5.22 Planned national report publication date (within calendar year 01/01 - 31/12/2025)*	09/01/2025 09/10/2025
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).	21/11/2025
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.npca.org.uk/resources/understanding-practice-in-clinical-audit-and-registries-tool-upcare-tool-2/