

# National Kidney Cancer Audit: Impact report 2025



**NKCA**  
National Kidney  
Cancer Audit



**HQIP**  
Healthcare Quality  
Improvement Partnership

## Highlights

### 1 State of the Nation Report

- ✓ The NKCA published its [2<sup>nd</sup> State of the Nation Report](#) in September 2025 reporting on 8 Performance Indicators (PIs) based on patients diagnosed (2018-2022).



### 4 data dashboard updates



- ✓ The data dashboard hosts results for 2 Performance Indicators and 8 data quality metrics, refreshed quarterly. In 2025, provider results for SotN PIs are available on the data dashboard.

Between August and November 2025, there were **425 visits** to the data dashboard

### 3 newsletters

- ✓ We share [quarterly updates](#) with our 300+ contacts informing them on the progress the team has made as well as highlighting recent findings and resources.

### 4 presentations



- ✓ In Autumn 2025, members of the team gave presentations at conferences hosted by the British Uro-oncology Group and BAUS Oncology, the professional organisations which provide the clinical leadership for the NKCA. The NKCA also presented at 2 webinars, [one organised by NATCAN](#) and the other by the [Royal College of Radiologists](#).

### 2 new social media platforms

- ✓ Earlier this year, the NKCA joined 2 new social media platforms, [LinkedIn](#) and [Bluesky](#), which has increased our audience.

### 1 new website



- ✓ The [NKCA website](#) has been refreshed so our resources can be more easily accessed.

## Quality Improvement

### 120 trusts' data on [dashboard](#)

- ✓ The NKCA data dashboard enables clinicians to assess performance and drive continuous quality improvement.
- ✓ In 2025, the NKCA ran its first [outlier process](#), focusing on the PI "Percentage of people presenting with metastatic kidney cancer who have initial SACT within 12 months of diagnosis". Three providers were identified as potential negative outliers and findings included potential issues with data quality which providers are looking into.

**Three providers** were positive outliers, with treatment rates above the national average

### 4 Performance indicators being improved

- ✓ We are launching a new performance indicator on the data dashboard in January 2026: 'Proportion of people diagnosed with kidney cancer seen by a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)' as part of our QI Intervention. The audit and feedback intervention will pilot targeted feedback to low-performing trusts and develop a best-practice guide to support improvement in access to CNS care.
- ✓ We are conducting methodological analyses to evaluate whether the 'Proportion of high-risk RCC patients treated within 31 days of decision to treat' can be derived from Rapid Cancer Registration Data, for more timely reporting.
- ✓ We are working with the NICE guideline and Quality Standards teams to raise awareness of our PI related to 'Proportion of people diagnosed with kidney cancer having received a biopsy' and performing methodological work to improve its reliability.
- ✓ Following the outlier process, the team are exploring ways to improve provider SACT submissions (with NDRS) and liaising with high-performing trusts to share learnings.

## Stakeholder involvement

### 2 meetings

- ✓ The NKCA incorporated patient feedback from our Patient and Public Involvement forum and charities, Kidney Cancer UK (KCUK) and Action Kidney Cancer (AKC), on our State of the Nation Report to maintain a patient-centred focus.

### 1 Patient and Public Report

- ✓ In September 2025, we published a [Patient and Public Report](#). The audit offers patients clear, accessible insights into the quality and consistency of cancer care, empowering them to understand their care, engage in improvement.