



NNHLA Newsletter, January 2026

Want to find out more?

The NNHLA 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

Quality Improvement (QI) Intervention

We launched our QI Intervention in October 2025, at an online webinar in collaboration with colleagues at the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS) and the British Society of Haematology (BSH). Watch the recording of the webinar [here](#).

Our QI work aims to improve data completeness, particularly for staging information. We are supporting trusts to improve the quality of data submissions for Ann Arbor Staging, Binet Staging and International Prognostic Index (IPI).

In October and December we emailed 51 NHS trusts in England with <50% completeness on Ann Arbor staging, and provided them with bespoke information and support.

Thank you to the trusts that have already responded to our communications. If you are a trust that hasn't yet replied, please get in touch to let us know how you are getting on and how we can support you.

See more details of our QI intervention work [here](#):

National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit (NNHLA)
Quality Improvement Intervention:
Improving completeness of key clinical data

Why is this important?

- Reporting complete data in key clinical areas is essential to identify where care pathways need improvement. It is also vital to ensure fair comparisons between NHS trusts when measuring performance in health care and outcomes.
- In England, data completeness is 54% for Ann Arbor staging, 42% for Binet staging, and 11% for International Prognostic Index (IPI) for DLBCL.
- There is wide variation in data completeness across NHS trusts: 54 trusts (out of 133) with data completeness below 50% for Ann Arbor staging.

Data completeness for Ann Arbor staging (April 2024 to March 2025)

Percent (%)

Month

What is the aim of the quality improvement intervention?

In collaboration with stakeholders, the NNHLA has developed a quality improvement intervention that aims to improve completeness of data submissions from NHS trusts in England, that will enhance the accuracy of trust reporting and enable equitable benchmarking across providers.

How will the NNHLA support services to achieve this?

- Provide enhanced feedback: In addition to publishing trust-level information, the audit will send bespoke feedback with >50% completeness on Ann Arbor staging.
- Share supplementary resources: The audit will provide links to NNHLA documents, resources to facilitate local QI initiatives, contact to local NDRS Data Liaison Manager, and examples of good practice.
- Support monitoring: The audit will re-evaluate engagement and trust performance at 6 months and at one year.

View your organisation's results on the NNHLA data dashboard: [View dashboard](#)

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Events

Autumn 2025 saw the NNHLA project team taking part in a number of online webinars. Some of these included:

- Improving Data Quality; The National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit Quality Improvement Focus (09/10/25). View the recording [here](#).
- NATCAN Audits Lunchtime Webinars hosted by the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) (17/10/25). View the recordings [here](#).
- Exploring Key findings from the latest State of the Nation Reports (13/10/25). View the recordings [here](#).
- London Global Cancer Week Webinar (27/11/25). View the recording [here](#).

Details of all upcoming events from the NNHLA team and from NATCAN more widely, can be accessed via the NATCAN Events web pages [here](#).



Data Dashboards Update published!

A further update to our interactive Data Dashboards was published on the 8th of January 2026.

This iteration of the data dashboards includes a new visualisation, which presents 'Days from referral to the start of SACT (high-grade)'.

We'd welcome your feedback!



Access the dashboard [here](#).

NATCAN publishes its latest Annual Summary Report

Please take a look at the 2025 NATCAN Annual Summary Report, which is the third to be produced by NATCAN and includes details of some of the highlights for the NNHLA audit team last year.

Access the report [here](#).

2025 Annual Report

Report highlights

Learning from the 2024 Annual Summary Report, the 2025 report has been developed to better reflect the work of the NNHLA audit team. The report highlights the following key areas:

- Improving data quality and completeness: The audit has developed a quality improvement intervention to address incomplete data submissions from NHS trusts.
- Supporting local QI initiatives: The audit will provide resources and support to local QI initiatives, including links to NDRS Data Liaison Managers and examples of good practice.
- Support monitoring: The audit will re-evaluate engagement and trust performance at 6 months and at one year.

For further information, please visit the NNHLA website: [www.rcseng.ac.uk/nationalcanceraudit/nationalnonhodgkinlymphomaaudit](#)

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