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Want to hear more?


Please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues who are involved in pancreatic cancer care.
If you were forwarded this email and would like to be added to our mailing list, please [email us](#)


Quality Improvement Intervention

We are pleased to be launching our Quality Improvement (QI) Intervention this month. This intervention has been developed in collaboration with key stakeholders and aims to increase the rates of treatment among people with pancreatic cancer. To do this we will:

- Provide bespoke feedback to Cancer Alliances about their trusts' treatment rates, highlighting trusts that have good performance and those whose performance may be lagging.
- Share examples of good practice.
- Support monitoring: the audit will publish Cancer Alliance and trust-level information on a quarterly basis to support monitoring of progress.

Keep an eye on our [NPaCA QI web pages](#) as we will be adding more information as this work evolves.

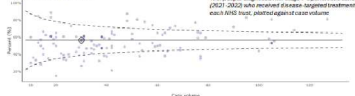
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National Pancreatic Cancer Audit Quality Improvement Intervention:
Increasing treatment rates for people with pancreatic cancer

Why is this important?

- Among people diagnosed with non-metastatic (stage 1-3) pancreatic cancer in England, only 53% go on to receive any form of disease-targeted treatment (surgery, systemic anti-cancer therapy and/or radiotherapy).
- Even among those with good performance status (PS) at the time of diagnosis (PS 0-2), only two-thirds receive disease-targeted treatment.
- There is wide variation in treatment rates across NHS trusts; reducing this variation has been identified as one of the NHS England Treatment Variation Working Group's priority recommendations.




What is the aim of the quality improvement intervention?
In collaboration with stakeholders, the NPaCA has developed a quality improvement intervention that aims to **increase the percentage of people with pancreatic cancer (who are fit enough for treatment) who receive disease-targeted treatment.**

How will the audit support services to achieve this?

- **Provide enhanced feedback:** in addition to publishing trust-level information, the audit will send bespoke feedback to Cancer Alliances about their trusts' treatment rates, highlighting trusts that have good performance and those whose performance may be lagging.
- **Share good practice:** working with Cancer Alliances, the audit will produce a catalogue of good practice and improvement activities that can lead to increased treatment rates, and share this learning.
- **Support monitoring:** the audit will publish Cancer Alliance and trust-level information on a quarterly basis to support monitoring of progress.

View your organisation's results on the NPaCA dashboard:



www.natcan.org.uk/audit/pancreatic/
@pancreaticcanceraudit

Events

Autumn 2025 saw the NPaCA project team presenting audit results at several events:

- Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery of Great Britain and Ireland (AUGIS) Annual Scientific Meeting**, (October)
- NATCAN webinar: Exploring key findings from the State of the Nation reports**, (October).
- Lunchtime webinar hosted by the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR)**, (October)
- NATCAN webinar: Driving improvements in Cancer**, **London Global Cancer Week**, (November)

Visit our [events page](#) to find out more.

NATCAN publishes its latest Annual Summary Report

Please be sure to look at the 2025 NATCAN Annual Summary Report, which is the third annual summary report to be produced by NATCAN and includes highlights from the NPaCA audit team.

Access the Annual Summary Report [here](#).

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Sharing progress with the clinical community

The NPaCA project team has been busy with information, action, meetings and conferences. Andrew Smith, NPaCA Clinical Lead for Surgery, presented on the work of the audit at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery of Great Britain and Ireland (AUGIS) in October 2025. He also presented at the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) lunchtime webinar in October 2025. The project team will be presenting at the London Global Cancer Week in November 2025. The project team will also be presenting at the NATCAN webinar in November 2025.



Dr. Andrew Smith, NPaCA Clinical Lead for Surgery, presenting at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery of Great Britain and Ireland (AUGIS) in October 2025.

Find out more about NPaCA

- 2025 State of the Nation report available
- Quality Improvement Plan and information on the Performance Indicators available
- Website: www.natcan.org.uk/audit/pancreatic/

Meet the NPaCA team

Information about the NPaCA project team is available [here](#).

Data dashboards update!

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

This latest version includes information on people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer up to 30 June 2025 and a new visualisation for time from urgent GP referral to disease-targeted treatment.

We'd very much welcome your feedback!

Access the NPaCA Data dashboards [here](#).

