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Want to hear more?

The NLCA 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

State of the Nation Report 2026



The NLCA **State of the Nation Report 2026** was published on the [NATCAN website](#) on **12th February 2026**. The report summarises the performance of lung cancer services in England and Wales and includes patients diagnosed with lung cancer in 2024. The report highlights that more people than ever were diagnosed with stage 1 or 2 disease, alongside growing pressure on demand for services. The report includes five recommendations for trusts and health boards to work towards, and a **local action plan template** is provided to help with this. A version of the **report for the patients and the public** was published on the same day. Thank you to members of the NLCA Patient and Public Involvement Forum and NLCA Clinical Reference Group for their valuable input into the reports. Further data can be found in our **State of the Nation 2026 dashboard**.

NLCA/BTOG podcast

The NLCA team will be taking part in a podcast on the State of the Nation Report 2026 hosted by BTOG and facilitated by Chair of the BTOG Steering Committee, Tom Newsom-Davis. This will be available to access on the [BTOG website](#) from **6th May**.

NLCA/UKLCC blog

Lauren Dixon, NLCA Clinical Fellow, has written a blog on the State of the Nation Report 2026. Read her analysis of the recently published report on the UKLCC (United Kingdom Lung Cancer Coalition) website and on the [NLCA website here](#).

April data dashboard

The latest update to the [NLCA interactive data dashboard](#) will be published on our website on **9th April 2026**. The April quarterly data dashboard includes information on people in England diagnosed up to 30th June 2025. This quarter, the dashboard includes a new indicator: **"Proportion of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (stage I-II, Performance Status 0-1) patients who had surgery"**. Users can download trust-level reports which will contain all metrics in one document for an individual trust. As always, if you have any feedback to help us refine the dashboards further, please email suggestions to: nlca@rcseng.ac.uk.

Conferences

The NLCA team have been presenting at several conferences this spring. Neal Navani, NLCA Senior Clinical Lead, presented the State of the Nation Report 2026 results at the **BTOG (British Thoracic Oncology Group) Annual Conference** in Edinburgh on Wednesday 4th March, and Lauren Dixon, NLCA Clinical Fellow, gave an [interview to the Video Journal of Oncology](#) highlighting the key findings of the report. The team were also present at the **SCTS (Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery) Annual Meeting** on 17th March where Lauren Dixon presented the results from State of the Nation.



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