

# National Pancreatic Cancer Audit (NPACA) Impact Report 2026

The National Pancreatic Cancer Audit (NPACA) evaluates the quality and outcomes of care for people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Its overarching aim is to: support pancreatic cancer services provide high quality of care, to share examples of good practice, and to highlight areas where care might be improved.

## NATIONAL

How the project provides evidence of quality and outcomes of care nationally

The NPACA's second annual State of the Nation (SotN) Report was published in September 2025. The report:

- Includes ten performance indicators that were selected based on NICE guidelines, NICE Quality Standards and expert clinical input. These were developed in consultation with the audit's Clinical Reference Group, which includes representation from people with lived experience of pancreatic cancer
- Highlights variation in care across NHS organisations
- Identifies priority areas for improving pancreatic cancer care, providing national-level clinical recommendations

Key results are published on the NPACA's interactive web-based data dashboard. The State of the Nation report results are refreshed annually and a subset of performance indicators are reported quarterly. The dashboard is publicly available and is designed to be accessible to a wide range of users – clinicians, public, policy makers and commissioners.

## SYSTEM

How the project supports policy development and management of the system

### Informing national initiatives

GIRFT is using the audit data to inform deep-dive discussions at trusts, leading to recommendations on best practice, including discussions with NICE on where guidelines need updating.



### Engaging the clinical community

The NPACA has disseminated its findings to key clinical audiences via events including:

- **NATCAN SotN Webinar**- Exploring Key findings from the latest State of the Nation Reports 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- **NATCAN Audits Webinar** hosted by **Royal College of Radiologists (RCR)** 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- **AUGIS Scientific Meeting** 24-25<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- **London Global Cancer Week Webinar** 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## LOCAL

How the project stimulates project improvement

### Supporting services to act on recommendations

The Audit has developed a local Quality Improvement Action Plan Template which outlines suggested actions and approaches that NHS organisations may adopt when planning local quality improvement activities

### A focus on local quality improvement

NPACA has developed a Quality Improvement intervention which aims to increase the rates of treatment among people with pancreatic cancer. This entails providing bespoke feedback to Cancer Alliances about their trusts' treatment rates, sharing examples of good practice and publishing cancer alliance and trust-level information on a quarterly basis to support monitoring of progress.

## PUBLIC

How the project is used by the public and the demand for it

### Social media

Public engagement is supported through regular updates on Bluesky (@npaca-natcan.bsky.social), LinkedIn (@National Pancreatic Cancer Audit), and X (@NPACA NATCAN).

### Website

- Over 4,200 visits were recorded for the audit's webpages, including State of the Nation report views
- Over 1,400 unique users accessed the Quarterly and State of the Nation Dashboards

### Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

During November, the NPACA contributed to the global Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month campaign by using its social media channels to share posts to help raise awareness of the disease. This included contributions from NPACA's PPI Forum members and engagement with charity partners Pancreatic Cancer UK and Pancreatic Cancer Action.

