

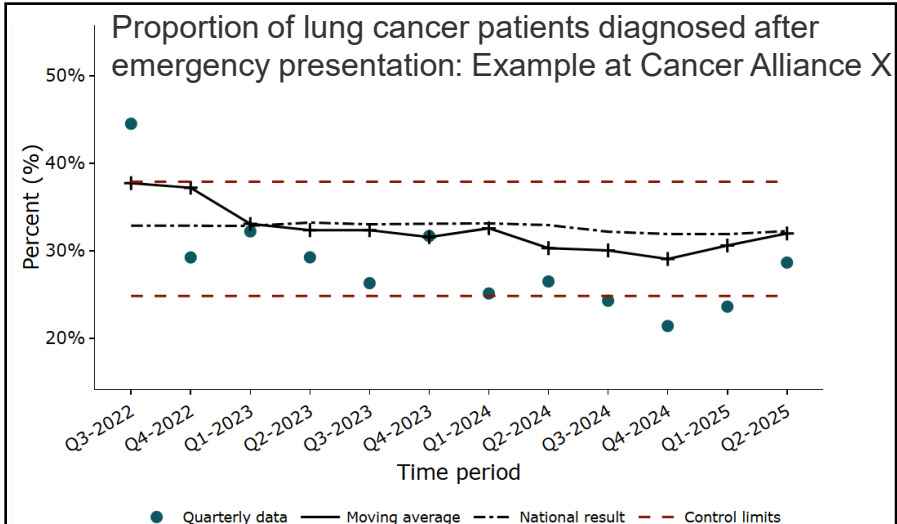
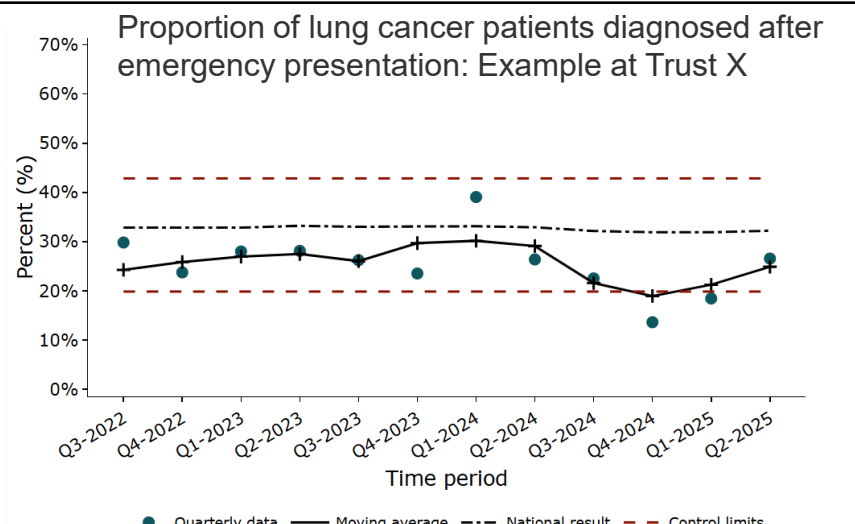
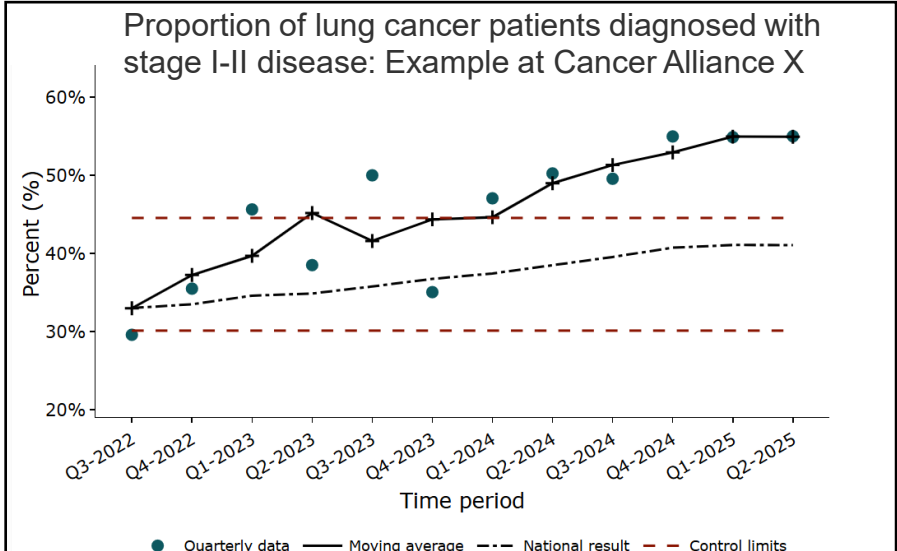
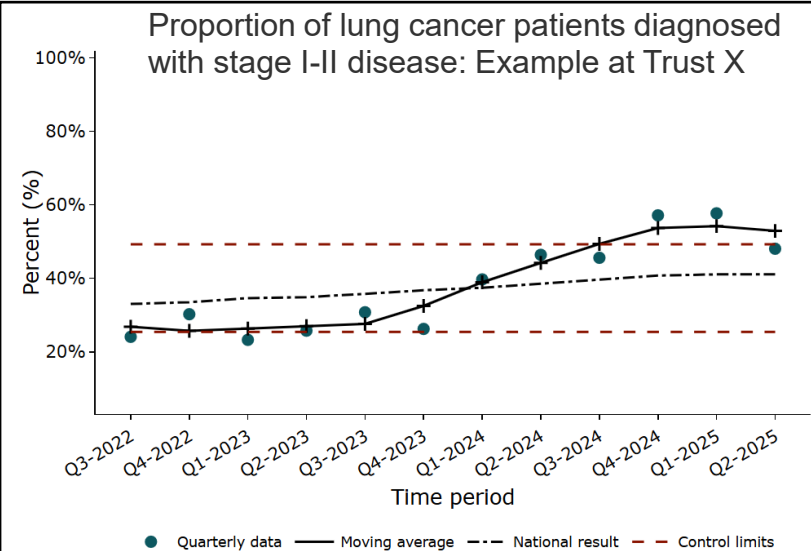
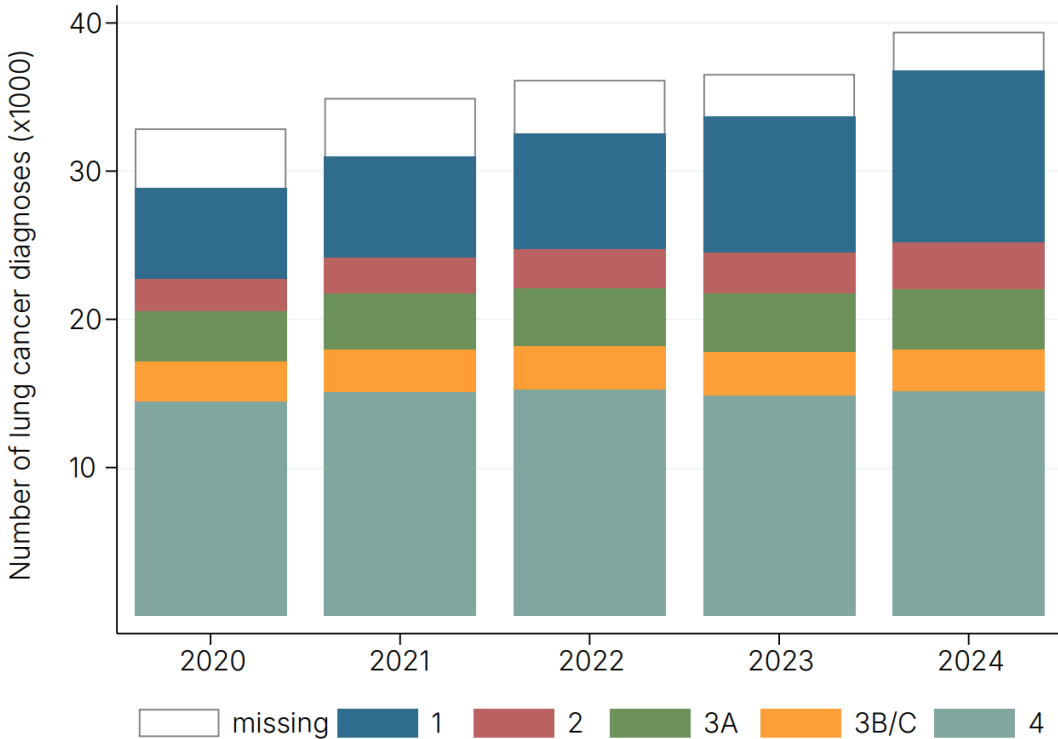
Improving early diagnosis of lung cancer

Impact of the NLCA 2025-2026

The first NLCA Quality Improvement (QI) goal is to improve the **early diagnosis** of lung cancer. With the roll out of the national lung cancer **screening** programme in England, the NLCA has been instrumental in monitoring the change in stage of diagnosis on a **national, cancer alliance** and **trust** level.

Furthermore, the NLCA also monitors other related indicators such as proportion of patients diagnosed after **emergency presentation**.

Cancer alliances and trusts can access their own data via our [online dashboards](#).



NLCA referenced in the [Quality and Innovation \(CQUIN\) for lung cancer](#)

Annual **NLCA - BTOG** podcast to share latest findings, over **350** downloads of 2025’s podcast of the webinar

[Quality Improvement tools](#) available on NLCA website

[NICE guidelines](#) and recommendation underpinned by NLCA findings

NLCA work closely with **UK Lung Cancer Coalition** and publish an annual [blog post](#)

NLCA **Patient and Public Forum** with [Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation](#) ensures patients are at the centre of the audit

Plenary presentations of NLCA key findings at **BTOG Conference 2026** & **SCTS Annual Meeting 2026**

Interview with [Video Journal of Oncology](#) to discuss NLCA findings

Patient resources, including a [‘Patient Guide to NLCA Statistics’](#) on NLCA website

[Patient and Public Version](#) of the State of the Nation 2026 Report

NCLA results fed back to **Care Quality Commission (CQC)** and **Welsh government**