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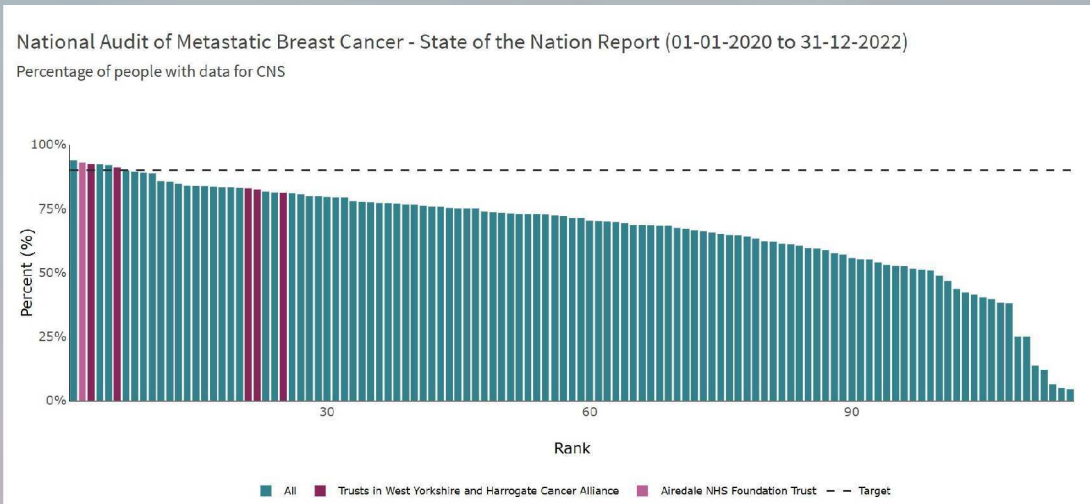
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Updated Quarterly Reports

Recent improvements to data flows by the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS) mean that Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) data are now available more promptly and are included for all quarters within the NAoMe dashboard. These enhancements provide a more complete and timely picture of CNS involvement in the care of people with metastatic breast cancer. In addition, the dashboard now includes a new data completeness indicator, showing the proportion of patients with both oestrogen receptor (ER) status and HER2 status recorded. This measure will help services assess the quality and completeness of key tumour characteristic data, supporting more accurate reporting and interpretation of audit findings. You can access the dashboards [here](#)



NAoMe Data Quality Working Group

In June the NAoMe Data Quality Working Group (DQWG) June hosted a meeting with NDRS, charity representatives and members of the 7 groups across the UK currently working on identifying individuals with breast cancer recurrence.

This provided an opportunity to collaborate, share learning, identify methods to help providers improve data submissions and plan for the future.

The DQWG continues to play an important role in guiding NAoMe's approach to data quality. Further updates and outputs from the group's work will be shared with stakeholders as these developments progress.



NAoMe Presents at the British Breast Group Meeting

In June, Georgina Hanbury (Clinical Research Fellow) presented on behalf of NAoMe at the British Breast Group (BBG) Annual Scientific Meeting, delivering a talk entitled:

“Measuring Breast Cancer Recurrence: From Data Gaps to Improved Clinical Outcomes”.

The presentation explored the importance of accurately identifying metastatic breast cancer recurrence, highlighting why recurrence data matter for patients, clinicians, researchers and healthcare service planning. Georgina discussed the challenges associated with capturing recurrence in routine national datasets and reviewed a range of approaches that have been developed nationally and internationally to address this issue. The presentation generated valuable discussion and provided an opportunity to share NAoMe's work with clinicians, researchers and breast cancer specialists from across the UK.



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The NAOme team had a strong presence at this year's Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) Conference, showcasing research and sharing insights.

The NAOme team used the audit stand as an opportunity to engage with clinicians, data managers and breast care teams from across England and Wales. Throughout the conference, the team spoke with attendees about their audit data, answered questions about NAOme outputs and dashboards, and discussed how audit findings can be used to support local quality improvement.

Particular interest was shown in the recording and submission of breast cancer recurrence data, an area that remains critical to improving understanding of metastatic breast cancer pathways and outcomes.

Our sister audit, the NAOpri, presented work on neoadjuvant chemotherapy and re-operation rates as well as a presentation from Kieran Horgan (Clinical Co-Lead) on using NAOpri data to explore factors that can help clinicians assess the quality of breast services.



* Clinical Lead Surgery Kieran Horgan at ABS Conference June 2026.

Publications

The team recently published the results of a study examining patient satisfaction with breast care in the BMJ Open.

Age, patient experience and satisfaction with breast cancer care: a cohort study using linked National Cancer Patient Experience Survey and cancer registry data.

The study analysed Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) responses from more than 40,000 people with breast cancer in England and found that, while overall satisfaction with care was high, younger patients and those with metastatic disease were less satisfied with information provision, involvement in decision-making and aspects of support.

The findings highlight important opportunities to improve patient-centred care and communication across breast cancer services.

Read [here](#).



Upcoming Publications:

September will see the publication the latest State of the Nation Report, which will provide a comprehensive overview of breast cancer care across England and Wales, highlighting key findings on patterns of treatment, service delivery and patient outcomes.

The audit will also publish in October a patient version of the 2026 State of the Nation Report. This is produced through close collaboration with the NAOme Patient and Public Involvement Forum and presents the findings in an accessible format for patients, carers and the general public.

Our 2025 State of Nation Report and associated patient version are available [here](#).