

## National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit (NNHLA) Outlier Response 2026

| NLCA Performance Indicator               | Name of indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| NHS Provider                             | Provider Response to NNHLA Outlier Notification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust</b> | <p>The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust has carefully reviewed the findings of the National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit relating to two-year survival outcomes for patients diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL). We take these findings seriously and are committed to understanding the factors that may have contributed to the results and identifying opportunities to improve patient care.</p> <p>As part of our review, we have undertaken an initial assessment of the underlying audit data. This work has identified a small number of cases that may have been included despite diagnosis occurring outside the audit period or without confirmatory histology. Further work is being undertaken with the audit team to confirm the accuracy and completeness of the data and to understand any impact this may have on the reported outcomes.</p> <p>We also recognise that our patient population experiences higher levels of socioeconomic deprivation than the national average and that many of our patients present with complex healthcare needs. The audit data indicate higher rates of comorbidity and emergency presentation among our patient cohort, factors that are important to consider when interpreting outcomes.</p> <p>A comprehensive improvement programme has been established under divisional governance arrangements and executive oversight. This programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed review of local mortality and survival outcomes.</li> <li>• Benchmarking against national and regional data.</li> <li>• Structured case notes reviews to identify themes and opportunities for improvement.</li> <li>• An end-to-end review of the lymphoma diagnostic and treatment pathway.</li> <li>• Assessment of timeliness of diagnosis and treatment initiation.</li> <li>• Review of multidisciplinary team decision-making processes.</li> <li>• Further strengthening of data quality, audit validation and clinical documentation processes.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>The Trust remains committed to delivering high-quality cancer care and to working collaboratively with the National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit, Cancer Services, clinical teams and patient representatives to ensure that patients receive the best possible outcomes. We will continue to monitor progress through our established governance processes and implement any additional actions identified through this review.</p> <p>This review is ongoing, and we will continue to work with the audit team to ensure that the findings are fully understood and that any lessons identified are translated into sustainable improvements for the patients we serve”.</p> <p>Project Team response: We thank the team at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust for their positive engagement in this process and welcome their targeted action plan. We look forward to working with them to support their ongoing review and any resulting actions identified.</p> |
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