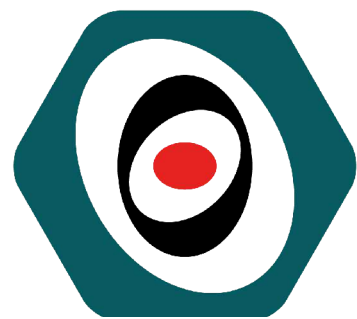




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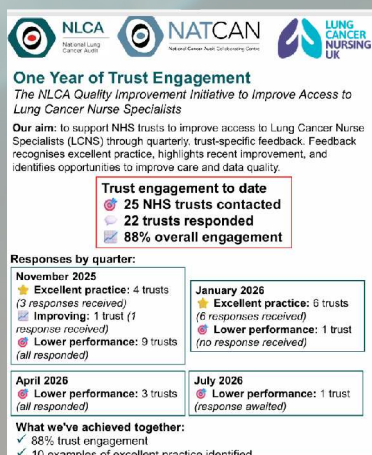


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QI intervention trust engagement

We have now been contacting trusts regarding our **QI intervention (Improving access to Lung Cancer Nurse Specialists)** for a whole year. Have a read of our [latest poster](#) which shows positive results for trust engagement. Thank you to all the trusts who have worked with us on this so far. Take a look at the [case study](#) from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust which showcases the work they did to improve access to Lung Cancer Nurse Specialists. Finally, we are working with Lung Cancer Nursing UK on an organisational survey to their members so that we can obtain a fuller picture of Lung Cancer Nurse Specialist care in England and Wales.

NLCA impact poster

Have you seen the latest [NLCA impact poster](#)? This year we have focussed on improving early diagnosis of lung cancer. Since the roll out of the lung cancer screening programme, the NLCA has carefully monitored the change in stage of diagnosis at a national, cancer alliance and trust level. Please see the [impact poster](#) for further details and as always, trusts and cancer alliances can access their own results via the NLCA dashboard.

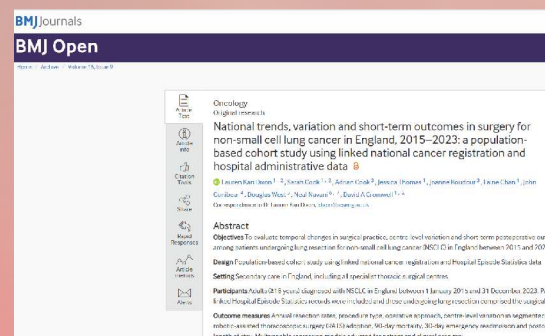
Date for your diary: the NLCA State of the Nation Report 2027 is due to be published in early February 2027. Keep an eye on our LinkedIn and Bluesky accounts for further updates!

October data dashboard and new cross-audit dashboard

This October, alongside the usual [NLCA quarterly data dashboard](#), you will be able to search cross-audit results for data completeness in our new cross-audit dashboard. As well as the individual dashboard links, there is a single platform "NATCAN dashboards" from which users can access audit dashboards and the cross-audit dashboard. The [October NLCA quarterly data dashboard](#) includes information on people in England diagnosed up to 31st December 2025 and is due to be published on **8th October**. If you haven't already, take a look at our new guided tour feature. Just click on the [dashboard link](#) to take a tour of the information available.

Latest NLCA publications

More NLCA research news! Our latest paper: **"National trends, variation and short-term outcomes in surgery for non-small cell lung cancer in England, 2015–2023: a population-based cohort study using linked national cancer registration and hospital administrative data"** has been published in BMJ Oncology. Congratulations to lead author, Lauren Dixon, NLCA Clinical Fellow! Also newly published is the NLCA Clinical Oncology editorial: **"Curative-Intent Radiotherapy in the Era of Earlier Lung Cancer Diagnosis: Insights from the National Lung Cancer Audit"**. Find both papers on our website [here](#).



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