

NLCA Newsletter, January 2024

Newsletter highlights

1. January Quarterly Report - data dashboard
2. NLCA joining NATCAN
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4. Data completeness – lung cancer screening

1. January Quarterly Report - data dashboard

The third NLCA quarterly dashboard is due to publish on the NLCA website on 11 January 2024. This iteration includes more recent data, patients diagnosed up to 31 March 2023. These reports allow individual trusts to check their data and see how they are performing as a continuous process, with updated data each new quarter.

This is a great way for trusts to track their progress and monitor Quality Improvement. We would be pleased to hear your feedback on the design of the dashboard, and selection of performance indicators it contains.



Save the date!

The publication date of the second quarterly report is 11 January 2024, subject to clearance and sign off.

2. NLCA joining NATCAN

The NLCA joined the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN), on 1 October 2023. NATCAN hosts all the national cancer audits, enabling them to learn from each other and coordinate how they promote clinical excellence. It is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership on behalf of NHS England and the Welsh Government. The NLCA will still be run by the same project team but will benefit from being part of the NATCAN family. Other audits delivered by NATCAN are kidney, ovarian, breast (primary and metastatic), non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, pancreatic, prostate, bowel and oesophago-gastric.

As part of this transition, the NLCA will be working on a rebrand – more news to come soon!



4. PPI Forum - first meeting

The NLCA held its first Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) Forum on 16th November 2023. We would like to say thank you to the patients/relative who joined the first meeting where we had a very useful discussion on the patient journey and how the NLCA can best support this using resources such as the NLCA website. We also received some valuable feedback on our patient version of the State of the Nation 2023 report. The next version is due to publish in April 2024.

4. Data completeness - lung cancer screening

The NLCA is planning to report on the impact of lung cancer screening in the near future. Data will be taken from COSD field CR1600, the route to diagnosis for outpatients. It is therefore important that trusts ensure this field is as complete and accurate as possible.

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