

NLCA

National Lung
Cancer Audit

NLCA, Clinical Effectiveness Unit

Royal College of Surgeons of England
38-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3PE

E: NCLA@rcseng.ac.uk

T: 020 7869 6606

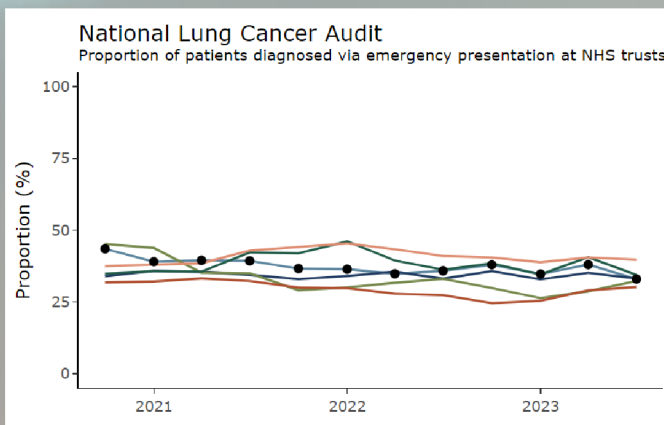
✉ [NLCA_uk](https://www.nlca-uk.org)

NLCA Newsletter, October 2024

Want to hear more?

The NLCA is part of the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN). If you want to find out more about NATCAN visit our [new website](#). If you would like to receive regular updates send us an email NATCAN@rcseng.ac.uk

Quarterly Report - 10th October 2024



The next NLCA interactive quarterly dashboard is due to be published on the [NLCA website](#) on **10th October 2024**. This iteration includes more recent data, extending the time period to cover patients in England diagnosed up to 31st December 2023. New features include a performance characteristics dashboard, which sits alongside the other dashboards that accompany our State of the Nation report and will be updated annually. We have extended our quarterly report dashboards so that they (i) provide denominator data within the data tables, and (ii) include national data within the NHS Trust and cancer alliance results tabs. We are working towards providing the ability for users to download trust-level reports which will contain all the metrics in one document. We welcome any feedback from users to help us refine the dashboards further.

Early Signal Reporting

The NLCA will begin Early Signal Reporting with its October quarterly report, as part of the audit's strategy to support local quality improvement. NHS Trusts who are significantly or persistently above/below the national average on key performance indicators will be notified by email 14 days after publication of the quarterly reports.

Quality Improvement Plan

The NLCA is currently reviewing its Quality Improvement (QI) goals and performance indicators. These will be included in a revised Quality Improvement Plan and published on the NLCA website by the end of 2024. The Quality Improvement Plan will be reviewed by the NLCA Clinical Reference Group at our next meeting in November 2024.

Data completeness

Improving data completeness is essential for the NLCA to measure the care and outcomes of patients with lung cancer. Please continue to submit key routine COSD data items to the National Cancer Registration Analysis Service (NCRAS) and the Wales Cancer Network (WCN). In particular, please check the '**smoking status**' (CR7800) and '**contact with Clinical Nurse Specialist**' (CR2050) data items. The findings from the NLCA 2024 State of the Nation report showed that completeness of these data items needs work. Finally, please ensure you complete field CR1600 (option 17) with your lung cancer **screening** data, which will allow the NLCA to report on this new area of care.



NATCAN
National Cancer Audit
Collaborating Centre

This email was sent to you by NLCA, part of the National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN) based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. To ensure continued receipt of our emails please add us to your address book or safe list. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), NATCAN is committed to protecting your privacy. If you wish to know more please access our [privacy policy](#). If you no longer wish to receive any messages please unsubscribe. © RCS 2023, Registered Charity No. 212808