

NPCA Newsletter, Summer 2018

The future of the NPCA

We are delighted to inform you that the NPCA team at the Royal College of Surgeons has been awarded the contract for the next phase of the audit, which starts on the 1st July 2018. During Summer 2018 we will be in contact regarding the future direction of the audit including streamlining the NPCA dataset and future quality improvement activities.

NPCA website

The new NPCA [website](#) was launched in March 2018. On this website you can view the [data quality and key performance indicators for your Trust](#) and compare with the national results. These results were published in the [NPCA Annual Report 2017](#) in November 2017. Please check our website regularly for updates about the NPCA.

Annual Report 2018

Thank you to all members of Trust teams who collected and submitted data for this year's Annual Report. The NPCA team has started the production of the report, which will be published in December 2018.

Please find enclosed a **data summary** of the final cancer registration dataset with the number of patients allocated to the Trust where the patients were diagnosed between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017. The table also includes the completeness of the data items describing key patient and tumour characteristics.

The **cancer registration** dataset set **can no longer be changed**, but we really need your **feedback**. It will help us to interpret the results of our analyses so that we can add an explanation in the Annual Report. **Please check the data that we have for your Trust. If you think the number of men allocated to your Trust at diagnosis is incorrect please inform the NPCA team via email [npca@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:nzca@rcseng.ac.uk) by Wednesday 11th July** . Also, please let us know if the completeness of data items in your Trust is lower than expected.

We are aiming to publish the report during the British Association of Urological Surgeons' (BAUS) Oncology meeting 6th –7th December 2018.

NPCA Performance Indicators 2018

In the Annual Report 2018, the following three performance indicators will be reported for each **Specialist Multidisciplinary Team** (related to the Trust where a patient was diagnosed):

- The proportion of men with metastatic prostate cancer at diagnosis
- The proportion of men with low-risk localised prostate cancer undergoing radical prostate cancer therapy

NPCA Performance Indicators (cont.)

- The proportion of men with locally advanced disease receiving radical prostate cancer therapy

The following two indicators will be reported for each **Trust that carries out radical prostate cancer surgery**:

- The proportion of patients who had an emergency readmission within 90 days of radical prostatectomy
- The proportion of men experiencing a severe urinary complication requiring an intervention following radical prostatectomy

The following indicator will be reported for each **Trust that provides radiotherapy**:

- The proportion of men experiencing a severe bowel complication requiring an intervention following external beam radiotherapy

The NPCA Project Team are currently developing performance indicators utilising data from the **NPCA patient survey** to provide comparative information on:

- **Patients' views of their experience of care** following diagnosis for each **Specialist Multidisciplinary Team**
- **Patient-reported functional impact of radical treatment** on urinary incontinence and sexual functioning for each **Trust that provides surgery or radiotherapy**

Detection and Management of Outliers

The NPCA team has started the production of this year's Annual Report (2018). We will contact your unit in September 2018 if a **performance indicator** for your unit is **not within an acceptable range**. The steps we will follow are outlined in the [NPCA Outlier Policy for 2018](#).

Please visit the NPCA website regularly and check the NPCA Outlier Policy for any updates.

Provider team contact information held by the NPCA

You are receiving this newsletter as the NPCA holds contact information (name, email address and hospital name) for key members of each extended provider team (Clinical Lead, MDT coordinator, audit department and cancer services designated contacts). This information enables the NPCA to keep teams updated about the audit and to administer the organisational audit and outlier process.

For further information please consult the [NPCA Privacy/ Fair Processing Notice](#). If you believe that any contact information we are holding on you is incorrect or incomplete, please contact us as soon as possible npc@rcseng.ac.uk. We will promptly correct any information found to be incorrect.

NPCA presentations at conferences

Date

PHE Cancer Outcomes and Services Conference

20—21 June 2018, Manchester

British Association of Urological Surgeons

24—27 June 2018, Liverpool