

NPCA Newsletter, Winter 2018

Message from the NPCA Clinical Leads: Annual Report 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all members of Trust and Health Board teams who collected and submitted data for this year's Annual Report. The NPCA team submitted the report for review on the 5th October and we are currently awaiting clearance from NHS England for publication, which is **anticipated in Spring 2019**.

This fifth Annual Report from the National Prostate Cancer Audit (NPCA) presents results regarding prostate cancer care in England and Wales for men diagnosed between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017. For the first time, we present process and outcome measures from all aspects of the care pathway for men with prostate cancer.

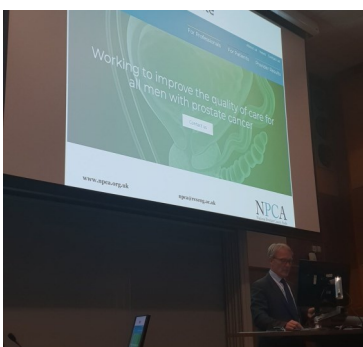
We report on specific diagnostic, staging and treatment information as well as core performance indicators in order to compare diagnostic specialist MDTs or treatment centres. This is the first report which combines English and Welsh data as well as using patient-reported experience (PREMs) and outcome measures (PROMs) as performance indicators.

The outcome of the [NPCA Outlier Process](#) will be made publicly available at this time and the provider level results will be published on the [npca website](#).

The success of the Audit is reliant on the data quality and the involvement of both patients and clinicians alike. Your support is key to enabling the NPCA to evaluate the care that men receive following a diagnosis of prostate cancer and whether this care reflects recommended guidelines and quality standards. The NPCA team will notify all teams as soon as we receive clearance for publication.

Professor Noel Clarke *Urological Clinical Lead representing the British Association of Urological Surgeons*

Professor Heather Payne *Oncological Clinical Lead representing the British Uro-Oncology Group*



Professor Noel Clarke presenting key results from the NPCA Annual Report 2018 during the British Association of Urological Surgeons Section of Oncology meeting on the 6th December.

We are grateful to NHS England for approving presentation of pre-publication results from the NPCA Annual Report 2018 during this important event.

NPCA Organisational Audit

The NPCA Organisational Audit was initially conducted in 2014 with a follow-up survey in 2016. Information regarding the key diagnostic, treatment and support services provided by each individual Trust (England) is presented on the [npca website](#). Information for Health Boards (Wales) will be available when the 2018 Annual Report is published in the Spring.

We are currently updating the information we hold, in addition to collecting new information about local anaesthetic transperineal biopsies, PSMA PET scans, whole body MRI, chemotherapy use and the availability of clinical nurse specialists. Every Trust Clinical Lead will receive an email with an attached spreadsheet to update.

The NPCA are also focussing on specific radiology and oncology services in this year's survey and NPCA oncology leads in each radiotherapy centre will also be sent a separate email with a link to a short questionnaire on Survey Monkey. This will ask specific questions about the current practice taking place at radiotherapy centres across England and Wales.

The deadline for providing updates and completing the short radiology/oncology survey is **Friday 18th January**.

Annual Report 2019

The NPCA 2019 Annual Report will present the results for patients diagnosed with prostate cancer between **1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018**. Please ensure that your data submissions are complete by **Friday 15th February 2019**.

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