

NPCA Newsletter, January 2022

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- 2 Organisational audit - publication of provider level results
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Annual Report 2021

The NPCA Annual Report 2021 was published on 13th January 2022 and is [available for download on our website](#). This report covers men diagnosed between April 1st 2019 and March 31st 2020 and reflects the landscape of prostate cancer care and services as it stood just before the pandemic in England and Wales.

It also covers the period up to the end of December 2020 for England, giving an insight into the impact of the pandemic on prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment at a regional and cancer alliance-level.

We would like to particularly acknowledge the outstanding efforts of all Trust and Health Board teams in submitting data to the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) and the Wales Cancer Network (WCN), who in turn supplied data to the NPCA in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. A very special thanks for your endeavours in making the NPCA such a success!



Organisational audit - publication of provider level results

We have completed our organisational audit of prostate cancer services across England and Wales! Thank you to all Trusts and Health Boards who filled in the NPCA Organisational Survey. This information is important for both patients and providers, in order to understand the patterns of care across England and Wales. We don't receive this information from the 'usual' routine data sources and so your time to complete the survey to give this up-to-date picture of services is very much appreciated.

We have achieved an excellent 93% response rate reflecting the high-level of engagement of providers in the NPCA! You can search for individual provider results [here](#) or [download a summary spreadsheet](#) to enable local and regional comparisons. We will now continue to analyse and report on the current distribution of prostate cancer services using the information we have gathered.

Thank you again for contributing to this important work, and do get in touch with any questions.

NPCA Quality Improvement (QI) event

We ran a very successful QI event on Thursday 16th December 2021. MDT team members and patients across England and Wales were invited to this virtual, interactive event which gave an update on the impact of COVID-19 on prostate cancer and then focused on the under-treatment of men with high-risk/locally advanced prostate cancer, exploring variation in receipt of radical local treatment and the potential reasons for this.

Around 100 people attended, listening to presentations of new information from the NPCA and taking part in Q&A and panel discussions. A particular highlight for the NPCA team and participants was our guest speaker, Stephen Fry, who kindly opened the event by providing insights into his journey since his diagnosis with prostate cancer.



Other highlights included Peter Johnson, National Clinical Director for Cancer at NHS England, giving an update on NHS England's Data and Action Plan and Jonathan Makanjuola, Consultant Urological Surgeon at King's College Hospital, discussing how to reduce variation in access to treatment for all men.

We conducted panel discussions during the QI event, involving a range of MDT members from across the England and Wales, which stimulated exciting and interesting debates. We would like to thank all of our speakers, panellists and participants for their engagement in this fantastic webinar.



Keep an eye on the [Quality Improvement](#) section of the [NPCA website](#) for the presentations, video clips of the panel discussion and our interviews with attendees including Stephen Fry. Given the success of our December meeting, we are already looking forward to planning our next QI event!



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