

Impact of NCAPOP



Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership

NATIONAL

How the project provides evidence of quality and outcomes of care nationally

Primary breast cancer: The first [NAoPri State of the Nation report](#) was published in September 2024, and identified several key areas with substantial practice variation. These include:

- Use of neo-adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with early invasive breast cancer.
- Rates of immediate reconstruction following mastectomy.

Dementia: 98% of patients received an assessment for pain, up from 92% in 2023. 93% of patients received this in their first 24 hours of admission, up from 85% in 2023. For 41% this was a structured assessment.

Dementia: Patients with dementia receiving an initial screen for delirium increased to 92% nationally, up from 87% in 2023. 86% of patients were screened within the first 24 hours of admission

Kidney cancer: The NKCA's first [State of the Nation Report](#) provided a baseline of kidney cancer care in England and Wales and highlighted variation in care within both countries across most of the performance indicators assessed.

Vascular: The median delay between symptom and carotid endarterectomy (CEA) increased in 2023 at 15 days. The median delay exceeded 20 days in 2022 at 6 vascular units, which is a third of the number of units compared to 2016.

Metastatic breast cancer: The NAOme has commenced publishing [quarterly clinical performance indicator reports](#) using the Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset (RCRD) made available by NCRAS. This provides frequent feedback to trusts about their progress on performance indicators and data quality.

LOCAL

How the project stimulates quality improvement

Metastatic breast cancer: The NAOme 2024 State of the Nation [Data Viewer](#), published on the website, provides tabular and graphical summaries for individual NHS organisations to view their local audit results.

Vascular: NVR produce an interactive web-based dashboard alongside the state of the nation report, which allows trusts to easily compare their results to others, national rates and national targets.

Primary breast cancer: The NAOpri [Local Action Plan 2024 templates](#) help local teams to set clear QI aims based on the audit's recommendations and develop plans for implementation.

Dementia: National Sharing, Learning and networking event with demonstrations of projects showing improvement in assessments and engagement with people with dementia and carers. QI webinars for information sharing, feedback, discussion of local QI and identification of key challenges for local leads in memory services and general hospitals. Showcasing of 2 high quality QI projects in National Report for Round 6 general hospital audit.

SYSTEM

How the project supports policy development & management of the system

Vascular: The capture and reporting of aortic devices on the NVR is an important step in responding to some of the recommendations of the Cumberlege Review. Expanding device capture to all NVR procedures in future years will provide vital information to the NHS, commissioners, clinicians and industry on the performance of implantable medical devices.

Kidney cancer: The NKCA Team are collaborating with the kidney cancer NICE guideline development team by sharing audit findings and data. Stakeholders are also working across both groups to align audit reporting with planned guideline topics.

Primary breast cancer: Between March 2021 and September 2024, members of the NAOpri team published [10 peer-reviewed articles](#) about breast cancer.

PUBLIC

How the project is used by the public and the demand for it

Dementia: Feedback collected from [carers for people with dementia](#): 2357 questionnaires received (R6 data collection). Key metric scores included in hospital Annual Dementia Statement.

Dementia: Feedback collected from [people living with dementia admitted to hospital](#): over 4500 questionnaires received since September 2022 using newly developed tool.

Vascular: NVR started reporting information on the type of AAA device used in 2021. This will provide valuable outcomes to patients (long-term mortality and re-intervention rates) in future years that will aid patients' decision making on what type of procedure they would like.

Primary breast cancer: The [State of the Nation Patient and Public Report](#), created in collaboration with the PPI Forum, received Crystal Mark plain English certification.

Kidney cancer: The PPI Forum provided feedback regarding their preferred format for the State of the Nation Patient and Public Report. A primarily [infographic-based Report](#) was favoured and published in October 2024 and shared on the [Action Kidney Cancer website](#).

Metastatic breast cancer: In Spring 2024, the NAOme completed recruitment for the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum. The Forum acts as a consultative group to the NAOme Project Team, ensuring the voice of patients is reflected in the direction and delivery of the audit. The group has 23 members with personal experience of metastatic breast cancer.