



How are we doing? Recent data from the National Lung Cancer Audit (NLCA)

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- Clinical Effectiveness Unit at the Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset in England
- <https://www.lungcanceraudit.org.uk>

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Results of the National Lung Cancer Audit for patients in England during 2021 and Wales during 2020-2021





The number of patients diagnosed with lung cancer in England in 2021 has recovered to pre- pandemic levels

34,478

patients were
diagnosed with lung
cancer in 2021

31,371 in 2020 **33,091** in 2019

74
years

age at diagnosis
(median)

83%

of patients with **stage I/II** disease,
performance status (PS) 0-1 had
pathological confirmation of their
diagnosis: **77%** in 2020 and **84%** in 2019

48%

of patients presented with **stage IV**
disease: **44%** in 2020 and **43%** in 2019

35%

of patients were diagnosed **via**
emergency presentation: **35%** in 2020
and **31%** in 2019

The proportion of patients with stage I/II PS 0–2 NSCLC undergoing curative-intent treatment in England is improving

Treatment with curative intent

80%

of patients with NSCLC (stage I/II, PS 0-2) received treatment with curative intent**



**surgery or radical radiotherapy

≥80%

Audit standard

73% in 2020
81% in 2019

59%

of patients with NSCLC (stage IIIA, PS 0-2) received treatment with curative intent***



***surgery, radical radiotherapy or multimodal combination with chemotherapy

N/A

51% in 2020
57% in 2019



The proportion of patients with NSCLC having surgery is recovering after the pandemic

Surgery for non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

17%

of patients with NSCLC had surgical treatment for their cancer



≥17%

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15% in 2020

20% in 2019



The proportion of patients with NSCLC stage IIIB-IV and PS 0-1 receiving systemic anti-cancer therapy in England is improving

Systemic antineoplastic treatment

61%

of patients with NSCLC (stage IIIB - IV, PS 0-1) received systemic antineoplastic treatment



≥65%



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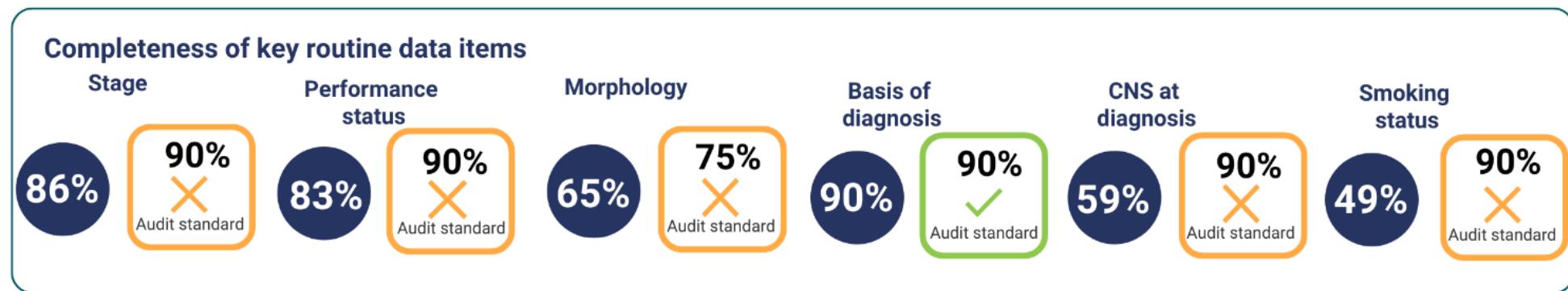
55% in 2020

54% in 2019

Data Completeness

Aim to achieve high levels of data completeness (>95%) in the cancer registration datasets, particularly the Rapid Cancer Registration Dataset and COSD in England

England



Wales





Lung cancer Specialist Nurses (LCNS)

Ensure at least 90% of lung cancer patients are seen by LCNS at diagnosis

England

92%

of patients* were **assessed at diagnosis by a lung clinical nurse specialist**:
75% in 2020 and 80% in 2019



≥90%

Audit standard*

*information available for only 59% of patients so this is uncertain

Wales

94%

of patients* were **assessed at diagnosis by a lung clinical nurse specialist**:
93% in 2020 and 90% in 2019

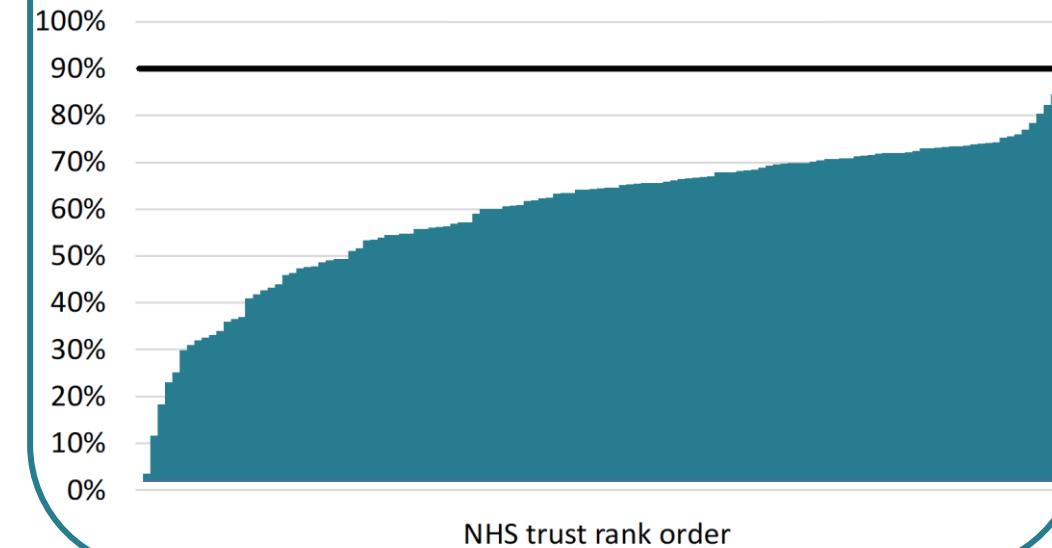


≥90%

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Data Completeness LCNS

—Target





Future directions

- Genomic data
- Route to diagnosis – screening
- NOLCP
- Peri-operative therapy





Quarterly reporting

- England Jan 20 – Dec 22
- RCRD
- Patients allocated according to place of diagnosis

2023

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[NLCA Quarterly Report January 2020 to December 2022 \(published October 2023\)](#)

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Please select a NHS TRUST from the dropdown box below:

Barts Health NHS Trust

Please select a PERFORMANCE INDICATOR from the dropdown box below:

Proportion of patients with NSCLC who had curative treatment (Stage I-II, PS 0-2)

Numerator:

Number of patients with Stage I-II NSCLC (unknown type assumed NSCLC) and PS 0-2 who had curative treatment

Denominator:

Number of patients with Stage I-II NSCLC (unknown type assumed NSCLC) and PS 0-2

Target:

80%

Risk adjustment:

Age, comorbidity, performance status (PS), stage, type.

Proportion:

Proportions are calculated by dividing the numerator by the denominator. These are presented as unadjusted values, so that NHS trusts can check the values against their own data. Results at timepoints with a denominator of less than ten patients are not shown (see below section on missing data).

Control limits:

Control limits are derived by adding and subtracting two standard errors to the national average. Standard errors use the total number of patients seen at the trust across the three quarters of the moving average.

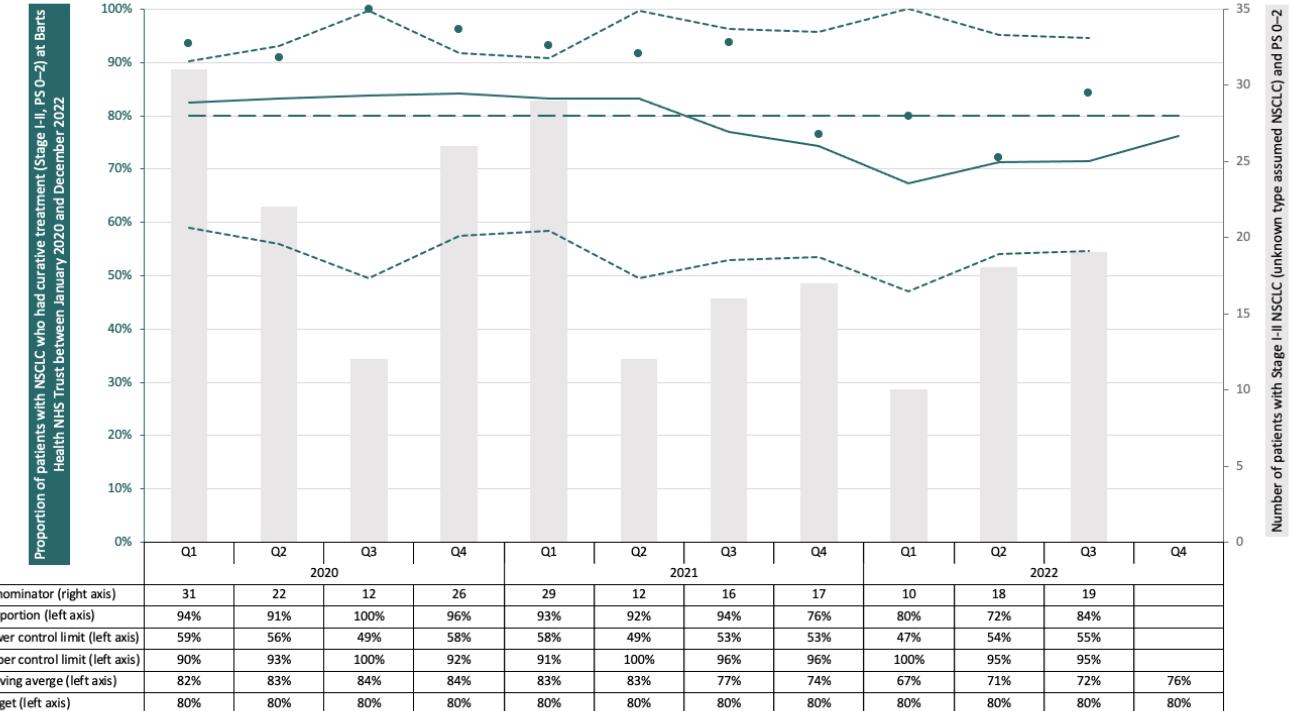
Moving average:

The moving average is only calculated for NHS Trusts with data reported for at least six time points. The moving average is risk adjusted and derived from data spanning three consecutive time points; this includes a selected point in the time series, plus the previous and subsequent time points. Each point represents a quarter of a year, Q1 being the first quarter, Q2 the second and so on. The moving average plots risk-adjusted values, while individual time points are shown unadjusted.

Missing data:

Please note that data are missing across a number of time points for several NHS trusts and performance indicators. In addition, results at timepoints with less than ten patients are suppressed. Missing data are presented as an interruption to the time series in the figure and blank cells in the table to the right.

Proportion of patients with NSCLC who had curative treatment (Stage I-II, PS 0-2) at Barts Health NHS Trust between January 2020 and December 2022



Notes for figure above

This check box enables the user to show/hide associated data series

Q1: 1 January – 31 March; Q2: 1 April – 30 June; Q3: 1 July – 30 September; Q4: 1 October – 31 December



Summary

- Improving data quality and metrics
- Curative treatment rates improving
- Data completeness
 - Route to diagnosis
 - Place first seen
 - Smoking status
- Quarterly reporting

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