

# National Bowel Cancer Audit (NBOCA) Newsletter



Dear colleagues,

It is an ambition of the audit to provide more frequent, more timely reports back to Trusts. Initially the aim of this is to aid Trusts with checking the accuracy and completeness of the data they have entered throughout the year. The long-term ambition is to provide real-time results to Trusts for the purposes of monitoring and quality improvement initiatives.

As a first step we are piloting a quarterly report which we intend to make available to Trusts every 3 months, starting in March 2019. The attached spreadsheet is a mock-up of what the report will look like and contains 3-months of example data. All of the data items included are NBOCA data items.

**There are no measures calculated from linkage to other data sets** as linkage is only carried out once per year. In its first iteration the report focusses mostly on data completeness. Over time more care processes and outcomes will be reported.

For the first quarter of each audit year (April to September) the report will contain 3 months of data and then in each subsequent quarter another 3 months of data will be added. Trusts will be given 2 months from the end of the quarter to enter their data before an extract will be taken to populate the quarterly report. Currently, the planned schedule for these reports is as follows:

Extract taken:	Reporting period:
1 Mar 19	Apr 18 – Dec 18
1 Jun 19	Apr 18 – Mar 19
1 Sept 19	Apr 19 – Jun 19
1 Dec 19	Apr 19 – Sep 19
1 Mar 20	Apr 19 – Dec 19

Etc.

We ask that you disseminate this to audit staff and clinicians at your Trusts and ask them to provide feedback by filling in the following **survey** which contains 5 brief questions and will only take a few minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BNTD5QL>

Please note that Trusts are already able to download their own data from the Clinical Audit Platform (CAP) for completeness and accuracy checking, and for local QI initiatives. The CAP system also offers reports for data checking. See <https://www.nboca.org.uk/resources/cap-user-guide/> for instructions on how to obtain reports and extract your data from the CAP system. Annual results are available for each Trust on our website containing all of the Trust results from the last 3 annual

reports. These can be downloaded from the website as a PDF and are also available in Landscape for presentations. See <https://www.nboca.org.uk/trust-results/>

For any questions about the quarterly report pilot please email [bowelcancer@nhs.net](mailto:bowelcancer@nhs.net)

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