

The aim of the organisational survey is to provide a central resource detailing the bowel cancer services provided on-site by individual hospitals. A questionnaire was completed by the bowel cancer lead (Consultant Surgeon) at each hospital Trust in England and Wales.

## KEY POINTS

- The facilities provided at each hospital are not the only factor in providing the best care for patients
- It is expected that not all hospitals will have all services
- We hope that this information will help you think about what questions you might like to ask your doctors
- It will also enable you to see how far you might need to travel if your hospital does not provide a service
- Your medical team will be able to let you know which services you may require



145 responses were received for 145 NHS Trusts in England.

In Wales, bowel cancer services are provided by six Health Boards serving particular geographical areas. There are 13 individual bowel cancer MDTs operating within this. Responses were received for all 13 MDTs.



## SUPPORT SERVICES

### ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) Nurses

Help patients recover more quickly after major surgery

### Palliative care

Care given to patients whose disease cannot be cured. Hospital doctors should have 24/7 access to these services.

### Psychological input

Specialist services to help patients cope mentally with a diagnosis of bowel cancer



## SPECIALIST SURGICAL SERVICES FOR ADVANCED DISEASE

### Hepatobiliary surgeons

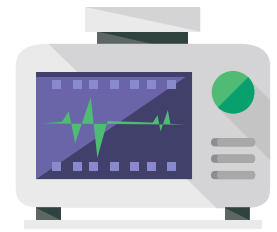
Specialist surgeons who can treat bowel cancer that has spread to the liver

### Thoracic surgeons

Specialist surgeons who can treat bowel cancer that has spread to the lungs

Find out which of these bowel cancer facilities are available in YOUR hospital here:

[www.nbo.ca.org.uk/reports/organisational-survey-results-2018/](http://www.nbo.ca.org.uk/reports/organisational-survey-results-2018/)



## DIAGNOSTIC & PRE-OPERATIVE SERVICES

### MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Liver

A scan used to assess the liver for tumors

### PET (Positron Emission Topography) scan

A special scan that may detect the presence of disease before it is evident on other types of scan

### CPET (Cardio-pulmonary Exercise Testing)

An exercise test designed to assess the heart and lungs before major surgery



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Colorectal surgeon always on-call

Bowel cancer patients who require emergency operations will be cared for by a bowel cancer specialist at all times

### Bowel stenting 24/7

A stent is a hollow tube inserted inside the bowel to relieve a blockage

## ONCOLOGY SERVICES

### Chemotherapy

Drug therapy used to treat cancer

### External Beam radiotherapy

Special x-rays used to treat cancer