Dear all,

We are delighted to bring you the fourth NCDA newsletter. The audit is now underway in England, Scotland and Wales, with a smaller pilot being planned in Northern Ireland for 2020.

If you are based in England, Wales or Scotland and would like to take part in the audit, please visit www.cruk.org/ncda and click on the relevant registration link in the top right corner of the page to register.

We have had a fantastic response from the primary care community so far. In England, more than 1 in 5 GP practices are now registered for the NCDA, and we have already received over 10,000 completed audits since April. And in Scotland, over 65 practices have signed up since the audit launched there in August, with Wales having now opened for registrations as well.

The below newsletter will give you further news and updates relating to the NCDA, which we hope will be of interest.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please email us at ncdacancer.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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**NCDA – NEWS IN BRIEF**

**NCDA launches in Wales**

The audit has now opened for registration in Wales, the last nation to begin a national-scale audit this year.

**Coming soon: NCDA reports for England – Deadline announced!**

Practices in England are due to receive their NCDA interim reports in November.

**Help, support & resources**

Help and advice for practices is available to support discussions about NCDA and other cancer data, as well as quality improvement work:

- CRUK Facilitator Programme
- RCGP QI Toolkit for the Early Diagnosis of Cancer
- RCGP QI eLearning Screencasts
- RCGP QI Ready
- Full resource list for the NCDA

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**NCDA launches in Wales**

**Audit opens for registration in Wales**

The NCDA opened for registration in Wales on 23rd of September. Wales was the last of the three national-scale audits to launch, with England and Scotland having started earlier this year. GP practices in Wales can register via www.cruk.org/ncda. The data collection for this audit will start in mid-October and eligible cases will be flagged to participating GP practices on a monthly basis via the online data collection portal (developed and managed by Public Health England in partnership with Public Health Wales). All practices that submit data will receive free, tailored NCDA reports.

**Timelines and approaches for the UK nations:**

**England**

Audit is open for registration online via www.cruk.org/ncda (registration link in top right corner – only accessible from NHS networked devices)

**Wales**

Audit is open for registration online via www.cruk.org/ncda (registration link in top right corner – only accessible from NHS networked devices)

**Scotland**

Audit is open for registration by emailing Information Services Division (ISD) NHS Scotland at NSS.isdncda@nhs.net

**Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland will not be participating in a full scale national audit in 2019
COMING SOON: NCDA Reports for England

Submission deadline for audits to be included in interim NCDA reports for England is 31st October

The NCDA offers free, tailored, confidential feedback reports to all participating practices that contribute data to the audit. For the first time, the audit team will be offering interim reports, covering the first half of the audit cohort, in addition to full annual reports, which will be produced after the data collection period is complete.

As the first nation to have started data collection, participating practices in England will be issued with interim reports this November. All audits of cases diagnosed between 01/01/2018 and 30/06/2018 that have been submitted to Public Health England via the online data collection system by 31st October will be included in interim reports. We would therefore encourage practices to log into the NCDA portal and complete any eligible cases diagnosed before or on 30/06/2018 before the deadline. This will ensure that practice-level interim reports are as representative and insightful as possible. Any incomplete cases, for whom a practice has not submitted data by the deadline date, will not be included in the interim reports.

Reports are due to be made available to practices in England at the end of November 2019, for download directly from the NCDA portal. All registered practices will be alerted by PHE when reports are made available. Practices in Wales and Scotland will be offered interim reports in due course, when 6 months’ worth of data have been collected in these nations, respectively.

NCDA reports are designed to support reflection on pathways to cancer diagnosis at practice level, and may help to evidence existing good practice, and identify areas for targeted quality improvement. Our CRUK Facilitators can help with reviewing reports and planning QI activities. Contact your local facilitator now, or find out more at www.cruk.org/facilitators

And if you’d like to learn more about quality improvement and NCDA, why not try our CPD-accredited RCGP e-Learning screencasts? (minimum of 0.5 CPD credits for completion of this series of screencasts; approx. 30 minutes total duration)

We’re on Twitter!

Follow us at @CRUKHCPs

Recently, Cancer Research UK launched its new Twitter account, solely for health professionals. Follow us to stay up to date, not just with the NCDA, but with all things cancer prevention and early diagnosis.

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- Public Health England (NCRAS)
- NHS England
- NHS Scotland (ISD)
- Public Health Wales (WCISU)
- Wales Cancer Network
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Royal College of General Practitioners
- Academic partners from
  - University College London
  - University of Newcastle
  - University of Edinburgh
  - University of Aberdeen