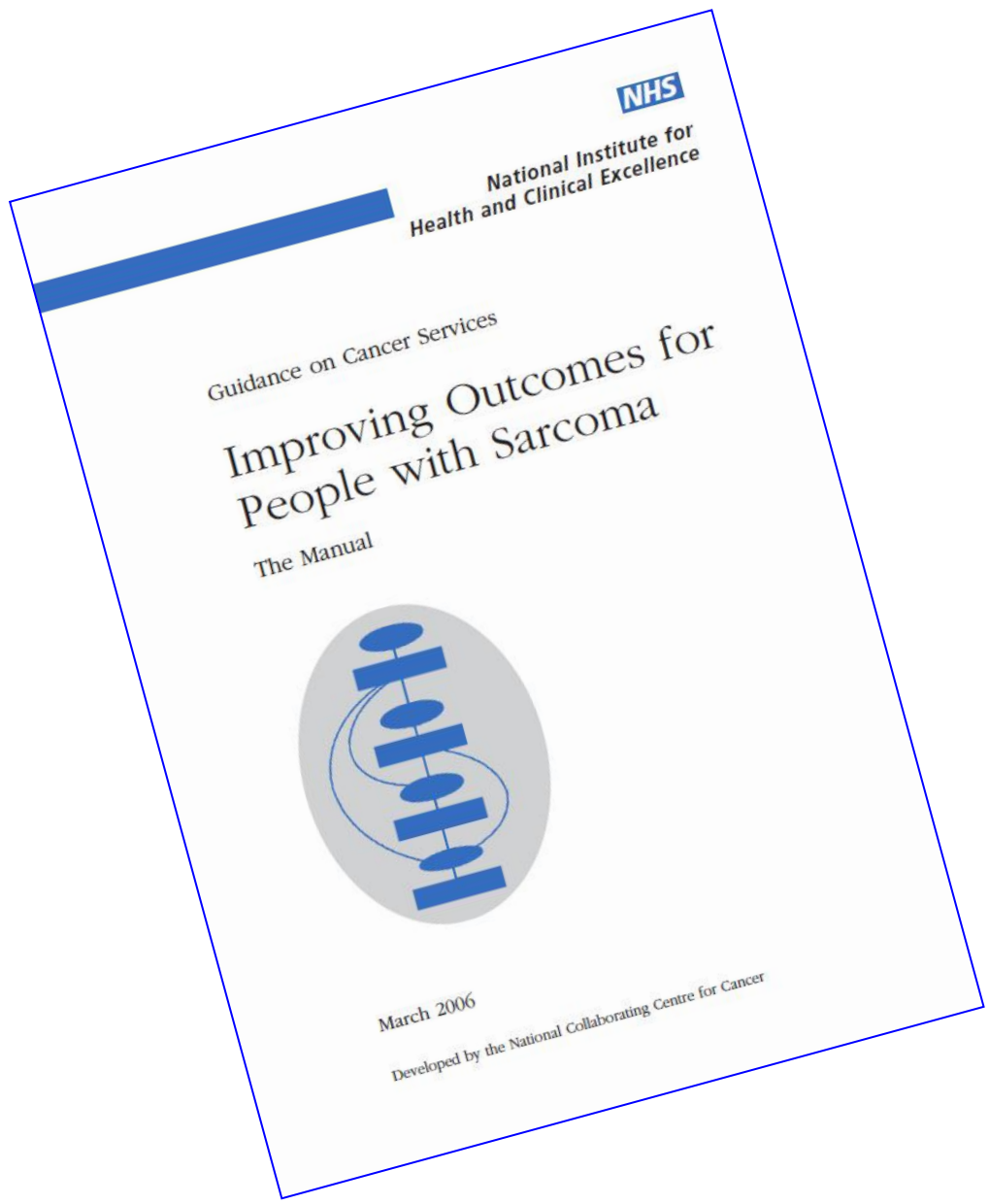


Quality – does peer review  
give us enough ?





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# What is 'quality' ?

- Information we can use, act upon, or turn into patient benefit
- How do we measure the quality of our understanding
  - and our ability to generate understanding in others
- Data is not necessarily information

# Key quality issues

- How I am treated
  - Diagnosis
  - Treatment
  - Care
- Initial outcome
- Recurrence
- Long-term survival



# What information ?

	Peer review	NCIN data
Diagnosis	●	●
Treatment	●	●
Care	●	●
Initial outcome	●	●
Recurrence	●	●
Long-term survival	●	●

# NCPES

- Sarcoma centres do:
  - Well on research
  - Average on most care issues
  - Poorly on information



# Access to Trials

- 2002 – 6 studies in NCRN portfolio
- 2012 – 16 studies open, 18 recently closed, 7 known about in development
- Sarcoma one of the better performers in terms of accrual as a percentage of patients diagnosed



# Issues – service structure

- Diagnostic pathway
  - The more we understand the more likely we are to affect it
- Access to expertise for rare cases
- Access to research and new treatments
- Referral to specialist centres for patients treated in site specific units





# Sarcoma Service Specification

“The site specific multidisciplinary team has primary responsibility to liaise with the sarcoma multidisciplinary team to discuss the management of each patient.”

“Site specific and sarcoma multidisciplinary teams need to ensure that clear pathways exist between the two multidisciplinary teams, to have common treatment pathways and to clarify under what circumstances patient care will be transferred from one team to the other.”



# Issues – providing care

- CNS and AHP network
- Patient information
- Support groups at treatment centres
- Survivorship
  - Rehabilitation – eg prosthetics
- Recurrence - return to treatment



# Summary

- What is happening today could not have been imagined 10 years ago
- Peer review gives us a lot, but not everything
- We can keep improving

