

Using information to improve outcomes

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“We can only be sure to improve what we
can actually measure”

Lord Ara Darzi, High Quality Care for All,
June 2008

Outline of talk

- National drivers for clinical outcomes
- What it means for Site Specific Clinical Reference Group work programmes

What are the national drivers for collecting information?

- Policy eg Cancer Reform Strategy, Better Cancer Care (Scotland), Designed to Tackle Cancer (2) (Wales); Service Framework for Cancer Prevention, Treatment and Care (NI)

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- Others eg Clinical Audit,

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- Cancer Policy - eg
 - Screening
 - Cancer waits
 - Commissioning
 - National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI)
 - National Survivorship Initiative (NSI)
 - National Equality Initiative (NEI)

What measures are in place?

- High Quality Care for All
 - National Quality Board
 - New 5 year process for the development of 150 NICE quality standards – first guidance published this week – concise expression of what constitutes high quality care
 - Quality Accounts

What measures are in place?

- Care Quality Commission
 - Better Metrics
 - Annually updated
 - Chapter on cancer

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- **NICE – IOG**
 - NICE Guidance for some cancers
 - NB** (National Quality Board – new process)
 - Peer Review

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- Performance Management
 - Annual Operating Framework - Vital signs (planning framework with 3 tiers of priorities) including some mandated information relating to cancer waits, screening policies,
- Updated last week to reflect new Government's priorities

The operating framework for the NHS in England 2010/2011 – revised priorities



- Removal of some process targets (does not apply to cancer waits)
 - Future and ongoing service configurations subject to four tests, including a clinical evidence base
 - Separation of PCT commissioning and provider functions by April 2011
 - Accelerating the development of the funding system – rewarding excellence
 - Management cost savings
 - Spending review – Autumn.
 - Finance - detailed departmental spending plans – 2011/12
- Operating Framework

What measures are in place

NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care (1)

- Indicators for Quality Improvement (cancer)
 - Planned care
 - Long term conditions
 - End of Life care
- Clinical and health outcomes knowledge base
 - One stop source of information on a wide range of health outcomes from prevention, co-morbidity and end-of-life

The link to SSCRGs

- A myriad of national initiatives,
- Assessed and monitored through a range of different processes
- Job of SSCRGs – prioritise key outcome measures to analyse for each cancer site to support any or all of the above

SSCRG work programme

- Programme of site specific analysis being undertaken by lead cancer registry
 - Data quality indicators
 - Clinical outcome measures
- Analyses that inform the implementation of national policy initiatives for each cancer site
- Benchmarking, comparing

NCIN priorities

- Supporting the new peer review process
- Reviewing data quality and completeness
- Establishing baselines
- Revealing variations in patterns of treatment and care
- Providing information that informs commissioning

The new Government priorities



- A patient led NHS
- Delivering better health outcomes
- A more autonomous and accountable system
- Improved public health through a new public health delivery system
- A focus on reforming long term care

- White paper on first 3 in August
- Focus on clinical outcomes

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