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,
What measures are in place?

- 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
What measures are in place?

- 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

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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

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• 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

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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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