

SSCRG Key Work Areas

Name of SSCRG (Lead Registry)	Areas of focus	Outputs
Brain/CNS (Eastern Cancer Registry & Information Centre)	 Develop proposal to create pilot project for the registration of rare tumours Developing the methodology for new data flows from neurosciences centres Development of Brain & CNS data requirements for National Cancer Data Set (NCDS) 	 Development of rain registry supported via additional NCIN funding Ongoing pilot project to assess pros and cons of such an approach Site specific brain/CNS items identified for NCDS
Breast (West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit)	 Assessment of quality and completeness of breast cancer data recorded by cancer registries & through national audits Linkage of breast cancer datasets to develop breast cancer data repository Production of information on routes to diagnosis of breast cancers (ie screen & non-screen detected) 	 Report available on WMCIU website Creation of data repository Draft report available on WMCIU website
Colorectal (Northern & Yorkshire Cancer Registration & Information Service)	 Development of colorectal cancer data repository, including NHS Bowel screening programme data, NBOCAP data and GPRD data. Publication of peer reviewed articles 	 Establishment of repository Articles published including on 30 day post operative mortality following colorectal cancer surgery; the surgical management and outcomes of colorectal cancer liver metastases



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Children, Teenagers & Young Adults (Childhood Cancer Registration Group & North West Cancer Intelligence Service)	 Completion and updating of the national Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) database & Undertaking analysis of combined TYA database 	 Publication of incidence data for 2004 – 2006 by SHA, Cancer Network & TYA diagnostic group (on NWCIS website)
	Develop the TYA notification process	 Establishment of the notification process, and completion of an audit presented at the Teenage Cancer Trust TYAC workshop in October 2009
	• Analysing trends in the completeness of childhood cancer registrations	 DPhil thesis submitted in December 2009, for publication shortly
	 Analysing End of Life Care in childhood cancer Linking childhood cancer data sources 	 Initial report submitted to DH Connected NRCT & the NHS net, as the basis for enhanced children's cancer registration
Gynaecology (Trent Cancer Registry)	• Contributing expert input to the review of the National Cancer Data set	 Identification of gynaecological cancer site specific items for inclusion in the revised dataset
	 Conducting expert analysis across a range of gynaecological cancer issues Creation of a web directory signposting gynae data 	 Produced a draft briefing on cervical cancer
Haematology (Northern & Yorkshire Cancer Registration & Information Service)	Analysis of place of death for haematological patients	• Report presented to NCIN NSSG meeting in November 2009 and distributed to cancer networks
	• Evaluation of the completeness of cancer registration for haematological malignancy	 Funding obtained in partnership with the Haematological Malignancy Research Network and pilot project launched in 2010
	Piloting linkage between NCDR and clinical trials of	Linkage established between National Cancer Data



Head & Neck (Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit)	 haematological malignancy Providing analytical input for the DAHNO audit Analysing incidence, mortality & survival in Head & Neck cancers in England Evaluating the quality of head and neck data in the National Cancer Data Repository 	 Repository and NCRI/MRC trials for treatment of ALL 5th annual report published Profile of Head & Neck cancers in England published in May 2010 Identification of obvious gaps and data problems for further analysis, including inaccurate/incomplete coding of surgical data; incomplete recording of radiotherapy and chemotherapy data, and large gaps in staging data.
Lung (Thames Cancer Registry)	 Ensuring quality assurance and documentation of datasets Consideration of the coding of surgical procedures Undertaking explorative analysis 	 Analysing age standardised incidence and survival rates of patients diagnosed with mesothelioma between 2002 and 2006 Presenting findings of an analysis of the variations in radical resection for lung cancer to the NCIN TSSG workshop in January 2009
Sarcoma (West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit)	 Understanding the merged cancer registry data, including its completeness and quality Identifying analytical challenges particular to sarcoma Supporting the update of the revised National Cancer Data Set 	 Analysis of incidence rates of bone & soft tissue sarcoma Identifying bone and soft tissue sarcoma items for inclusion in the NCDS



Skin (South West Public Health Observatory)	 Support the development of the NCDS Enhance the understanding of skin cancer registrations & challenges Produce a website to include epidemiological analyses Skin add funding 	 Production of site specific data items for inclusion in the revised NCDS Undertook survey of skin cancer registration practices Production of skin cancer profiles and fact sheets on Skin Cancer hub.
Upper GI (Thames Cancer Registry)	 Undertaking explorative analysis Working with the SSCRG to define specific cancer groups and to consider the coding of surgical procedures Ensuring quality assurance and documentation of datasets 	 Describing the age standardised incidence, and 1 and 5 year survival rates for patients diagnosed with Upper GI cancers in England between 1998 and 2006 Analysing variations in radical resections for Upper GI cancers in relation to survival
Urology (South West Public Health Observatory)	 Delivery and maintenance of the urological hub website & associated data profiles Support the delivery of the SSCRG work programme & the NCDS 	 National urology profiles embedded within the Urology hub for formal launch in June 2010 Definition of urology specific data items for inclusion in the NCDS