

Why does information matter?

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Outline of talk

- How we use information
- Which outcome measures?
- What it means for Site Specific Clinical Reference Group work programmes

How we use information

- To help understand disease – mortality, incidence, survival
- To understand and improve health outcomes
- To explain variations in patient outcomes
- To demonstrate performance and accountability
- To inform patient choice

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 Audit, Information Centre

What measures are in place?

- Cancer Policy - eg
 - Screening
 - Cancer waits
 - Commissioning
 - NAEDI
 - NSI
 - NEI

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- High Quality Care for All
 - National Quality Board
 - New process for the development of NICE quality standards
 - May 2009 – proposals to NQB
 - Summer 2009 – consultation
 - September 2009 – NQB decision
 - January 2010 – first standards published
 - 5 year process

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- 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)

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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,

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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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NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care (2)

- National Audit - DaHNO

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 quality indicators
- Informing implementation of national policy initiatives for each cancer site
- Benchmarking, comparing

Immediate NCIN priorities



- Supporting the new peer review process
- Establishing baselines
- Revealing variations in patterns of treatment and care
- Strengthening commissioning

So – why does information matter?

Because....

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

Lord Ara Darzi, High Quality Care for All,
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