

Cluster Cancer Intelligence Report

Data to compare cancer referral, incidence, staging, conversion and detection rates for practices within a cluster.

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The Scottish Primary Care Cancer Group, Public Health Scotland and its Local Intelligence Support Team (LIST) have been working towards improving provision of primary care cancer data.

The Cancer Action Plan for Scotland 2023 – 2026 highlights several actions relating to primary care cancer data improvements.

In light of this, the Local Intelligence Support Team (LIST) can offer a report aiming to provide accessible and understandable data to practices and clusters.

The main objective of this report is to stimulate discussion, peer support and learning and potentially further quality improvement or educational activity for clusters, practices and clinicians.

What data does the report provide?

- Demographics and SIMD data
- Number of cancers detected by USOC referral (conversion rate)
- Routes of referral for (e.g. by USOC referral, screening, emergency admission etc.)
- Referral rates
- Referral per USOC specialty
- Incidence rates
- Staging at diagnosis for the commonest cancers
- Comparison of the above for each practice compared to the cluster, locality, HSCP, Lanarkshire and the Scottish average (where Scotland data is available)

This data should not be used to assess “quality” of cancer care or referrals, but unusually high or low figures compared with neighbouring practices could merit further investigation and quality improvement activity.

There will also be some suggestions for sources of educational or QI work to use for this data.

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