

Announcement of methodological changes to Cancer registration in England

Background

On 1 October 2021, responsibility for the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS) transferred from Public Health England (PHE) to NHS Digital. NHS Digital is the data controller for this data. The National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) as part of the NDRS is still responsible for collecting data on patients with cancer in England and continues to produce the Cancer survival in England publications.

The methodological changes listed below are due to changes in the coding of new cancer registrations, to align with other public health data outputs, or due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Methodological changes

From the 2021 release (cancers registered up to and including 2019):

- Cancers diagnosed from 2013 are registered using the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 3rd edition (ICD-O3). These were previously registered using International Statistical Classification of Diseases 10th revision (ICD-10) revision 0 and the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 2nd edition (ICD-O2).
- Cancers diagnosed from 2013 are defined using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases 10th revision (ICD-10) revision 5 (2016 revision). These were previously defined using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases 10th revision (ICD-10) revision 0.

Timing

The first publication to be affected by this change will be the October 2021 release, which will cover the period:

- Adults diagnosed with cancer in 2019

Impact

The impact of the above changes on Cancer registrations in England is expected to be minimal. These have been discussed in the [Impact paper on the change of ICD 10 coding](#).

Further information

Questions and feedback on the publication are welcomed and should be sent to NDRSenquiries@nhs.net or alternatively call 0300 303 5678.