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Publication of the National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients

Thank you for your letter of 5th December about the timely publication of the national audit of breast cancer in older patients.

We appreciate your concerns about potential delays to the publication of audit reports, not least because we understand the value of the clinical audit information we commission to patients and patient representative groups like *use MY data*.

NHS England's aim is to ensure the national clinical audit programme has maximum impact in supporting quality improvement and quality assurance of NHS services. This includes ensuring that the large numbers of national clinical audit and patient outcome review reports published every year are timely and accessible to front line staff delivering health services for patients, whilst maintaining clinical independence and scientific rigour.

In order to ensure stakeholders can plan well in advance of publication we are introducing a rolling 12 month plan of publication dates and taking steps to speed up review and publication.

With regards to the national audit of breast cancer in older patients, HQIP have advised that the audit provider is on track to deliver the first draft of the report in February 2019 and that there is nothing to indicate that the publication date of May 2019 is at risk.

I hope this provides reassurance and if you have any further questions, Cathy Hassell (cathyhassell@nhs.net) would be happy to answer them.

Yours sincerely



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