SACT Dataset V3.0
Frequently Asked Questions

Addendum – **Deadline questions**

Q. I am concerned my Trust will not be ready in time for the September-November 2019 implementation period, what should we do?

Firstly, you should report your concerns to the SACT team sact@phe.gov.uk listing the reasons why you may not meet the deadline for recording SACTv3 by November 2019 and provide all details on any potential delays.

You should also update the SACT team with your organisation plan to switch to dataset version 3.0
Your plan should include
  ➢ What steps are you taking to implement new dataset version?
  ➢ When do you expect to be able to report new dataset version?
  ➢ Any critical dependencies /departmental factors which will influence your ability to submit the new dataset version
  ➢ Any additional support you need to implement new dataset version

Please note trusts can start to record SACTv3 anytime September – November 2019.
Data should be uploaded to the SACT portal 2 months after treatment activity (in line with the standard SACT submission process).

Q. Can the SACT team speak to my software provider to ensure the new SACTv3 is available on my trusts system before the deadline?

The SACT team have been working with all the software suppliers since the launch of the SACTv3 dataset standard in December 2018. We will continue to work with each supplier to ensure they have all the required information on the dataset and provide additional support as needed.

The SACT team are independent of all trust organisations and software suppliers. We have no direct influence over any software suppliers and we are unable to enforce any system changes or dictate how changes should be implemented.

The SACT team are available to work with all trusts and software suppliers to support implementation of the revised dataset and offer impartial advice to all stakeholders.

You should contact your software supplier and request any software upgrades at your earliest convenience to ensure you are ready in time for upcoming deadlines.

Q. What happens if we are not ready to start recording SACTv3 by the end of November 2019?

We will be running a 'live' non-conformance report on the Cancer Stats 2 Trusts will be labelled as non-compliant until they start recording and reporting SACTv3.
We will need to start our standard non-compliance escalation process, available on the SACT website, for all trusts that are non-compliant. This process includes escalation to the Trust Medical Director and then NHS England, where necessary.