Welcome to the latest edition of the SACT newsletter.

We release the newsletter at regular intervals in order to keep SACT colleagues up to date with any developments or new communications.

COVID-19

We understand standard working practices may have changed significantly for many of you during the pandemic and we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment and hard work to ensure your monthly SACT data uploads continue to be submitted on time. This information remains extremely valuable to review oncology activity and understand the impact of COVID-19 on cancer services. Please do continue to upload your files, and contact the helpdesk if you have any concerns. The SACT dataset provides the most accurate and comprehensive data available on patients with cancer being treated with systemic anti-cancer therapy. SACT data has been used for a number of urgent data requests from NHS England and wider government groups. Moving forward we will be developing dashboards to understand the impact of COVID-19 on oncology services. Please see 'CancerStats2 update' for further information.

It is important to note that non-submissions will be reflected in any reports we publish, so we would strongly encourage you to prioritise your monthly SACT data returns.

We thank you again for your commitment and work towards improving outcomes for patients living with cancer. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk

Data Submissions

In March, the SACT team made the decision not to raise non-compliance for delayed uploads and missing CDF patients during this time. This has since been reviewed, and moving forward we will refer to the SACT non-compliance escalation policy if required. This is to guarantee routine SACT data uploads for all providers and the inclusion of all relevant treatment activity. We will of course continue to support trusts with any local challenges before taking further steps.

Outcomes

Outcomes upload update

All trusts are expected to start submitting the outcomes upload by the December 2020 deadline, **once they have switched to SACT v3.0**. It is important that trusts start this submission as soon as they can to allow time for the team to troubleshoot any issues, and we thank those who have started their outcomes upload submissions.

The outcomes upload is a subset of 18 items from the standard SACT upload, and aims to capture outcomes data which would normally be missed. This additional file should be submitted on a monthly basis following the same schedule as the standard SACT upload. The team will continue to liaise with trusts and provide support for submissions. More information is available on the SACT website, or you can contact the helpdesk for further details. We will also present a webinar specifically on the outcomes upload on 1st July – recording and presentation to be made available on the SACT Community, where you can also find a blog post about outcomes.

Helpdesk update

SACT v3

We understand that for various reasons, including the pandemic, there have been some delays to switching to SACT v3 submissions. The data liaison team will be working with these trusts to support progress. If you are ready to switch to SACT v3 submissions and have not yet done so, please complete the SACT v3 checklist available on our website www.chemodataset.nhs.uk and contact the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk to initiate the process.

Changes to the SACT portal

We have recently updated the SACT portal and provided two new features:

1. The portal will now automatically calculate the 'Date range' of each uploaded file by using the administration dates contained within the file. You still have the option of selecting an 'upload month' on the file upload screen but this is superseded by automatic administration dates calculation.

2. In 'Batch report', you are now able to view the total number of patients and administrations per month. This can be viewed by clicking the 'SACT administrations tab.'

We hope these new features will provide you with additional information to accurately review your uploads.

Please note. These new features do not apply to the separate SACT Outcomes upload.

CancerStats2 update

We are in the process of creating dashboards on Cancerstats2 to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the oncology service. These

Outcomes working group

The SACT team will convene an Outcomes Working Group later in the year (September 2020) to discuss any issues encountered around the collection and submission of outcomes data, as well as sharing best practice. We will review the current progress made with the outcomes upload and discuss ideas to be shared across all trusts. Other topics to be covered include ideas to increase clinician engagement and completion of outcomes.

We wish for a variety of stakeholders to take part in the discussions, including pharmacists, clinicians and personnel involved with the SACT upload, so please email Claire.Joussot@phe.gov.uk to register your interest or request further information.

As always we welcome your feedback. Please send comments and suggestions for future newsletters to the SACT helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk

reports are being tested with the clinical community to ensure they display useful information to help NHS providers review any changes in activity, help rebuild services and futureproof current approaches.

The next update for all other CancerStats2 reports is due in July and will display activity up until March 2020.

Please continue to provide feedback on the reports to the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk or through the SACT Dataset Community.

The Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF)

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Since the last newsletter we have provided a final report for nivolumab for adjuvant treatment of resected stage III and IV melanoma. June and July will be very busy months with 5 final reports for the team to work on.

Following the NICE re-appraisal of CDF drugs, the SACT team have had two reports published for **obinutuzumab with bendamustine for treating rituximab-refractory follicular lymphoma** and **pembrolizumab for previously treated advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer**. These reports show how the SACT dataset provides essential real-world evidence to inform committee decisions, relying on the data sent by trusts to the team. Thank you for continuing to support the team by responding to emails and ensuring any missing data is sent to us in due course to contribute to our analysis.

The National Disease Registration Service (NDRS)

The National Disease Registration Service provides near-real-time, cost-effective, comprehensive, quality assured data collection over the entire care pathway on all patients with cancer, congenital anomalies and rare diseases in England. The SACT dataset is one of many mandated data collections managed by NDRS. If you would like to find out more about the latest updates, data releases, publications, events and much more, sign up to the monthly newsletter www.ndrs.nhs.uk/newsletter/

Working with us

The National Cancer Registration Analysis Service (NCRAS) is run by PHE and is one of two main services within NDRS; the SACT team are a distinct team within NCRAS. We have recently updated the information available on NCRAS and have produced a guide to cancer data and working with us. We have also produced a guide to NCRAS data and it's availability. Please visit the website for more information www.gov.uk/guidance/national-cancer-registration-and-analysis-service-ncras.

30-day mortality post SACT

We have two new 30-day mortality post SACT data feeds:

The Rapid Data Review (RDR) - In April, we shared the first quarterly RDR data feed which provided NHS trusts with details of patients who died within 30 days of receiving SACT at their trust. This first data release included patients who were treated in October—December 2019 and aims to support trusts in their 'mortality & morbidity' (M&M) meetings. We will provide this data every quarter going forward.

Case-mix adjusted workbook - Towards the end of June, we will be sharing a workbook containing case-mix adjusted mortality post SACT rates with NHS providers. Rates will be displayed on a funnel plot and trusts above the confidence limits (outliers) will be identified. This workbook will be shared on a regular basis and will cover a selection of cancer sites. The first workbook reviews patients being treated for lung, gastric, pancreatic cancer and cancer of unknown primary (CUP). Information on all future data releases will be provided in the workbook guidance. This

Data liaison update

Trust support

Due to the pandemic, our three data liaison officers have been unable to visit trusts in person. However, they are still able to provide support, training and updates over email and the phone and would be happy to set up a virtual meeting with your trust if that would be useful.

Webinars

In May, we hosted our first SACT Q&A webinar. Thank you to the 70 attendees who joined and asked questions; a copy of the slides and webinar recording are available on the SACT community.

On the 1st July, we will be hosting an outcomes upload webinar which will cover challenges with collecting outcomes, information on the outcomes upload and various other common queries. Please contact the helpdesk if you have not received an invitation and would like to join.

workbook will also be shared on the SACT website in due course.

We are interested to hear about your experiences with the new data feeds and would encourage you to contact us if you would like to share your thoughts through a user story. Please contact the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk if you would be interested to discuss further.

Important links
SACT website - www.chemodataset.nhs.uk
Portal registration -
nww.cancerstats.nhs.uk/users/sign_up
Portal access - nww.api.encore.nhs.uk/users/sign_in
CancerStats2 registration -
www.cancerstats.ndrs.nhs.uk/user/register
CancerStats2 report access -
www.cancerstats.ndrs.nhs.uk/

The SACT Dataset Community
The community provides an excellent opportunity for the SACT team to share updates on developments, host webinar recordings, share documents, release blog posts and provide event information. The online forum allows trusts to contact each other and share best practice examples.

Head to the community to view presentations and a recording of the recent Q&A webinar.

This platform is available for all NHS trust staff in England and can be accessed here www.khub.net/group/sact-dataset. If you require any help with accessing or using the community, please contact nicolaE.wood@phe.gov.uk.