

# NEWSLETTER

## Highlights

**1 COVID-19 pandemic**  
We would like to express our sincere thanks to the wonderful NHS staff who are working during challenging times at present due to the coronavirus pandemic.



**2 Anticipated release date of the NABCOP 2020 Annual Reports: 11 June 2020**  
Presenting information on women aged 50+ years diagnosed with breast cancer across England and Wales from 2014-2018. The 2020 reports will include a public and patients summary report.



**3 COSD Version 9.0**  
The new version of the COSD dataset is now live for English Trusts! The three month roll out period of Version 9.0 will be between April 1st and 30th June 2020.




## Highlights since last issue

**11 March 2020:**  
We were invited to attend a **Wales Cancer Network breast cancer educational event** where the theme was




'Helping patients to understand risk, helping patients to help themselves'. The event highlighted the excellent work taking place across Wales to improve care for patients with breast cancer. We look forward to continuing to contribute to events such as these.

## Upcoming key dates

**11 June 2020:** Online publication of **NABCOP 2020 Reports**. 

**17 & 18 May 2021:** Following the cancellation of the **Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) 2020 Conference**, we look forward to seeing delegates at the ABS 2021 Conference, ICC Birmingham.

 Please note: the dates and descriptions are accurate at time of newsletter distribution. Due to the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, these may be subject to change.

## The NABCOP Spring update


**COVID-19 pandemic:** We are continuing with the processes involved with publishing the 2020 NABCOP Annual Report in June this year. However, due to the rapidly evolving situation across the UK and the rest of the world with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, publication timelines and the launch of the Annual Report may be subject to change. We will endeavour to keep all stakeholders as up to date as possible.

**National data opt-out:** This service allows patients to opt-out of their information being used for purposes other than their immediate clinical care (such as for audit and research purposes). All NHS organisations are required to be compliant with the national data opt-out policy. Guidance on this is provided on the NHS website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>. For national clinical audits such as the NABCOP, using existing sources of patient data collected by the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) in England, individual's opt-out preferences are applied by NCRAS prior to the NABCOP receiving the datasets. We will be publishing further information on how NHS organisations can ensure they are compliant with the national data opt-out, specifically with regard to the NABCOP, in advance of the **30 September 2020 deadline extension**.

**COSD Version 9.0:** From 1st April 2020 look out for the new NABCOP data items within the breast specific dataset of COSD Version 9.0. More information including version 9 user guides can be found on the COSD website: [http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting\\_and\\_using\\_data/data\\_collection/cosd\\_downloads\\_v9](http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/data_collection/cosd_downloads_v9).

**Access to NABCOP 2020 reports & resources via your NHS organisation website:** To drive quality improvement in breast cancer care, we want to make our 2020 resources and reports as accessible as possible for professionals and patients alike, which is why we would like to ask NHS organisations to consider advertising the NABCOP and our resources on local trust and health board websites. **What are your thoughts?** Email us your suggestions at [nabcop@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:nabcop@rcseng.ac.uk).

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