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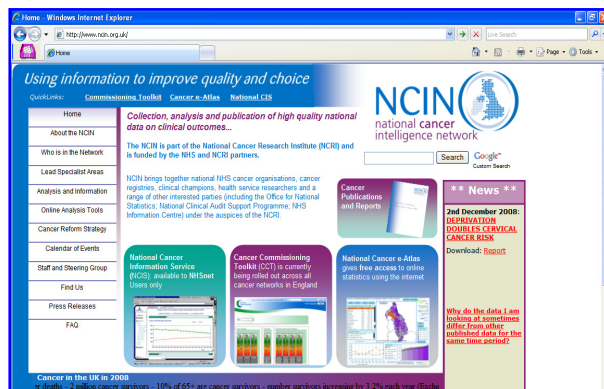
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1 National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) reports for cancer networks

Since its launch in June 2008, the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) has published three reports showing the incidence and mortality of the main types of cancer across the UK and the incidence, mortality and one-year survival for each cancer network in England. A fourth report, most recently published, shows how cancer incidence varies by socio-economic status across England. The cancer network reports allow networks to compare figures for their resident populations and define priorities for further investigation and action. They are available at www.ncin.org.uk

2 Web-based toolkits for cancer data now available for the NHS

A parallel development is the launch of three web-based toolkits which give NHS health professionals and others immediate access to aggregated cancer data analyses and comparisons across the country by primary care trust (PCT), cancer network and strategic health authority. These tools are the Cancer e-Atlas, the National Cancer Information Service (NCIS) and the Cancer Commissioning Toolkit (CCT). Both the



new tools and the reports can be accessed at www.ncin.org.uk. The Registry Information Team played a significant role in the development of NCIS and CCT. Please contact the team (tcinformation@kcl.ac.uk) if you need help getting started with any of these products.

3 Estimates of the number of cancer survivors in England

The Thames Cancer Registry has worked with [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) to develop estimates of the number of people alive in England who have had cancer. The figure of two million cancer survivors and the finding that 10% of those aged over 65 have had cancer received significant press attention. As a result a forthcoming NCIN report will provide all cancer networks with the numbers of people in their local areas living with and after cancer.



4 Collaborative working with hospital trusts, cancer networks and PCTs

We are now working closely with hospital trusts and cancer networks to co-ordinate how multidisciplinary teams send data on staging and co-morbidity to the Registry to meet the new standard contract for Acute Services. The receipt of electronic pathology data from hospital trusts has had a significant influence on the timeliness of cancer registration.

We are also working with primary care trusts and cancer networks on analyses that define cancer challenges for their local populations more clearly. Work with Islington and Lambeth PCTs has explored variation in PCT cancer mortality using funnel plots (<http://www.thames-cancer-reg.org.uk/news/ab030708.htm>), and an extensive investigation with North East London Cancer Network has investigated low 5-year relative survival for breast cancer. Over the coming year we will be collaborating with PCTs and Cancer Networks to develop a Public Health and PCT and Cancer Network Forum for our area. A key challenge for this forum will be to use cancer data to support World Class Commissioning.

5 Annual Thames Cancer Registry report of 2006 cancer registrations

New publications are added monthly to our website (<http://www.thames-cancer-reg.org.uk/news/index.htm>). In collaboration with other members of the UK Association of Cancer Registries we have published work and analysis of the incidence of breast, lung and cervical cancer and melanoma of the skin by socioeconomic group in England. Additional work on end of life care was reported at the Faculty of Public Health Conference. Ongoing work is investigating the relationship between ethnicity and cancer and we presented analyses for the incidence, survival for breast and prostate cancer in our area at the National Cancer Research Institute Conference (<http://www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference>).

6 Research publications and conference presentations

The Registry is pleased to report the publication of its annual report for 2008. This includes the latest complete cancer registration figures for the year 2006 reported using the new the new cancer network boundaries for South West London, Surrey West Sussex and Hampshire and Sussex Cancer networks. Also included are initial reports of ongoing registry and lists of publications and presentations for the last year (<http://www.thames-cancer-reg.org.uk/reports/index.htm>).

7 Registry staff news

Professor Henrik Møller is pleased to report two promotions within the Registry. Stephen Richards now becomes Director of IT and Processing, while Dr Elizabeth Davies becomes Medical Director and Senior Lecturer in Cancer and Public Health.

Finally, we would like to wish all our colleagues a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thames Cancer Registry is a Department in the Division of Cancer Studies in King's College London School of Medicine. For general comments and enquiries about the registry, see our web site <http://www.tcr.org.uk>, email tcr@kcl.ac.uk or telephone 020 7378 7688.

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