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NICE menu indicator guidance

Indicator area: Breast cancer screening

Indicator ID: CCG84

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Indicator CCG84: The proportion of women aged 50-70 years whose record shows a breast screening test has been performed within the last 3 years.

Rationale

The aim of breast screening is to reduce mortality by finding breast cancer at an early stage often when any changes in the breast are too small to notice. Cancer Research UK report that there is data that shows if breast cancer is diagnosed at stage 1, 99% of women will survive for 5 years or more, compared to 60% of women if diagnosed at stage 3 and 15% of women diagnosed at stage 4. They also estimate that 11,433 women died from breast cancer in 2014, of which 76% women were aged 60 and over. The screening programme is therefore focused on women approaching this age and those already 60-70 years.

Data from NHS Digital shows that following a slight downward trend in coverage between 2013 and 2014 this has stabilized at 75.5% in 2015 / 2016. This is still down on the levels seen in 2011 where coverage stood at 77.2%. There continues to be geographical variation by region with coverage ranging from 69.3% in London to 79.8 % in East Midlands.

Reporting and verification

Source guidance and recommendations

National Screening Committee (2015) [Breast screening: programme overview](#)

Public Health England (2017) [Key Performance Indicators for the NHS Screening programmes definitions document for 2017/18](#)

What is measured

Numerator: Of the denominator, the number of women whose record shows a breast screening test has been performed within the last 3 years.

Denominator: The number of women in a CCG aged 50-70.

Data source

[Public Health England](#) – screening programme data.

References

Cancer research UK (2017) [Breast cancer survival statistics](#)

NHS Digital (2017) [Breast screening programme data, England – 2015-2016](#)

Further information

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