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Publication of surgical outcome data

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Background

- 2001 Bristol public enquiry called for publication of surgical outcome data
- Cardiac surgery mortality rates by surgeon first published 2005
- 2013 Mid Staffs report repeated call for publication of outcome data
- NHS England tasked HQIP to co-ordinate publication of outcomes in 9 more specialties in December 2013

Data published July 2013

- Vascular surgery
- Thyroid and endocrine surgery
- Bariatric surgery
- Interventional cardiology
- Adult cardiac surgery
- Orthopaedic surgery
- Urological surgery

For publication autumn 2013

- Colorectal surgery
- Upper GI surgery
- Head and Neck cancer surgery

Data quality

- Importance of 'risk adjustment' of data
- National coverage of 'named and shamed' consultants:
 - Data not risk-adjusted
 - All carried out low volumes
 - Has prompted further data validation
- Publication expected to improve data quality

STHFT outcome data

- All STHFT consultants' risk-adjusted outcomes 'as expected'
- Media interest in one STHFT vascular surgeon's 'unadjusted' data.
- One STHFT surgeon declined to release data, however the surgeon's performance was within the expected range.

Next steps

- Ensure all data submission complete
- Prepare 'patient friendly' outcome data to be available on STHFT website.
- Continue to liaise with local media re interpretation of data

