

Full List of Recommendations for Improving Cancer-Related Primary Care Data

Area	Recommendation
1. Data Infrastructure	Develop a standardised cancer data framework across the pathway for consistent data capture and improvement.
2. Breast Screening Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move from paper-based to electronic reporting of breast screening results. - Introduce nationally agreed SNOMED codes for breast screening. - Clarify and fund primary care's role in supporting uptake.
3. Secondary– Primary Care Data Flows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardise discharge letter templates with clear purpose (e.g. MDT outcomes, diagnosis). - Ensure SNOMED coding of diagnoses, staging, and treatment. - Prioritise implementation of end-of-treatment summaries. - Enable direct data flows between hospital and primary care systems.
4. Primary Care Coding Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employ coding professionals. - Standardise screening activity codes (e.g., update FOB to FIT). - Educate teams on the value of coding cancer follow-up activity. - Use case studies to drive engagement and change.
5. Registration and Demographics	Implement automated coding of updated NHS Digital registration templates; allocate resources to support rollout.

6. QOF Business Rules	Create a central, version-controlled repository of QOF rules and code changes to aid transparency and longitudinal analysis.
7. Coding Audits	Introduce structured coding audits in primary care, with appropriate funding and NHSE support, mirroring secondary care practices.
8. Analytics Dashboard	Develop a live dashboard to track and compare data quality across practices and boroughs; align with London Health Data Service rollout.
9. Shared Learning	Enable benchmarking across regions to identify and spread successful quality improvement initiatives; explore pan-London collaboration.