## Welcome to the latest edition of the SACT newsletter.

We release the newsletter at regular intervals in order to keep SACT colleagues up to date with any developments or new communications.

### SACT dataset v3

SACT v3 dataset launched on 1st September 2019 with a 3 month implementation period to 30th November. Trusts should start recording SACT v3 on local systems during this window. Trusts are expected to start uploading SACTv3 files from 1st November 2019. All trusts should be  uploading SACT v3 only from 1st February 2020.

Thank you everyone for updating the SACT team on your progress with implementation. If you have not already done so, please ensure you contact the helpdesk if your implementation timelines have changed.

As a reminder, all v3 documents are available on our website www.chemodataset.nhs.uk. Please continue to check the website for the most recent versions.

### SACT v3 checklist

The helpdesk recently shared a SACTv3: Confirmation of readiness to start uploading checklist which must be completed and returned to the team before your trust uploads your first SACT v3 file. If you have not received this checklist, or have any questions, please contact the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk.

**Please only return the checklist once you are ready to upload your first SACT v3 file.**

### Reports on CancerStats2

#### Report updates

Over the last few weeks, the following reports have now launched or been updated, and are ready to use on CancerStats2 www.cancerstats.ndrs.nhs.uk/

**New reports**

⇒ **Data completeness reports**—presents data completeness for all SACT dataset items. Aims to help trusts identify issues with data quality and completeness

   **Haematology reporting suite**—activity data for all haematology patients submitted to the SACT dataset. Split by regimen and outcome level reports. Drug level reports to be launched shortly.

⇒ **SACT core targets** (former MO CQUIN reports)- provides SACT data coverage, data submission deadlines, CDF conformance and data completeness for priority data items.

**New data**

All reports have now been updated and include complete data up until June 2019.

#### How often will reports be updated and how will I know?

An overview of the SACT CancerStats2 reports and update schedule has now been added to the SACT website http://www.chemodataset.nhs.uk/reports/.

These reports will be updated quarterly and an email will be sent to all registered SACT users once new data has been released. This will also be announced on The SACT Dataset Community.

#### Reporting feedback

Please continue to provide feedback on the reports and suggestions for changes or additional reports. This can be provided through The SACT Dataset Community or directly to the helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk.

*As always we welcome your feedback on the newsletters.  Please send and comments and suggestions for future newsletters to the SACT helpdesk SACT@phe.gov.uk*

## SACT data liaison update

### *The data liaison team have expanded!*

We are extremely pleased to welcome two new data liaison officers to the SACT team. We now have three data liaison officers in position covering the following areas:

**London & South**—Prisclica Thiruchelvam

**Midlands & East**—Hayley Perry

**North**—Danielle Fleet

The SACT data liaison team are always on hand to visit a trust and offer support in person.
If you would like to request a visit, please email the helpdesk who can put you in touch with your local data liaison officer SACT@phe.gov.uk

### SACT v3 data liaison support

The data liaison team continue to be available to support trusts with the implementation of SACTv3.
The team are holding teleconference calls with many trusts to discuss progress and timelines for implementation of  SACT v3.
These calls have been particularly helpful to discuss the processes and next steps where trusts have concerns about SACT v3 to implementation.

If you have not spoken to the data liaison team and feel a call would be useful,  please contact the helpdesk who can direct you to your regional data liaison officer.

## SACT helpdesk update

### Transplant regimens

All new transplant options have been added to the mapping list on the portal. UKALL 2019 options are now available.

### Christmas opening hours

The SACT helpdesk will be closed on bank holidays. A member of the team will be available on all other days during the holiday period.

## The Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF)

**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

The SACT helpdesk and data liaison team continue to contact trusts regarding missing CDF patients or data items.

The data collection for patients with squamous head and neck cancer receiving **Nivolumab** has now finished. Thank you for continuing to work with us to collect this data. We are delighted to announce that 100% patients who received this treatment were reported to the SACT dataset.

This information has been included in our report to NICE, provides a valuable insight into the real-world treatment outcomes for this drug and will help to inform whether the drug should be available for routine funding in the NHS.

The next drug to exit the CDF will be **Avelumab** for patients being treated for Merkel cell carcinoma. We would be grateful if you could work with the team to ensure data for patients receiving this drug and all other CDF drugs are included in future uploads.

## Is age a barrier to systemic anti-cancer therapy?

The National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) have been working on a paper which has been accepted for publication by **Age and Ageing**. The study - Is Age a Barrier to Chemotherapy? - investigates factors that affect the likelihood of older patients receiving systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT) and their treatment outcomes. This work focuses on patients diagnosed in England between 2013-2015 with stage II-III breast cancer, stage III colon cancer and stage IIIB-IV non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), where clinical guidelines recommend SACT. Analyses have been risk-adjusted to account for variation in a range of factors, including patients' age, sex, performance status and comorbidities and are reported at trust level.

We will be in contact with all trusts in the next few weeks to share the results of the study before publication.

## The SACT Dataset Community

If you have not already registered, we would strongly encourage all SACT users to join The SACT Dataset Community. The community provides an excellent opportunity for the SACT team to share updates on developments, host webinar recordings, release blog posts and provide event information.

The community also has a forum available which is accessible to all registered members. The forum provides an opportunity for the first time for NHS trust staff to contact all other NHS colleagues across England who are involved with the collection of SACT data.

If you have a query regarding your SACT data, your e-prescribing system, your process for quality assuring your SACT data or any general questions or comments, please head to the forum and create a post or join a discussion.

If you require any help with accessing or using the community, please contact nicolaE.wood@phe.gov.uk.

**The SACT Dataset Community**  **Knowledgehub**

## Important links

**SACT website -** www.chemodataset.nhs.uk

**Portal registration -** nww.cancerstats.nhs.uk/users/sign_up

**Portal access -** nww.api.encore.nhs.uk/users/sign_in

**CancerStats2 registration -** www.cancerstats.ndrs.nhs.uk/user/register

**CancerStats2 report access -** www.cancerstats.ndrs.nhs.uk/

## Upcoming events

The SACT team have several events and webinars organised over the next few months:

### Registration now open

*Tuesday 17th December* —*Webinar—SACT treatment Activity reporting suite* www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cancerstats2-webinar-sact-treatment-activity-reporting-suite-tickets-80266193345?aff=affiliate1

### Save the date 2020

*Wednesday 5th March*—*SACT best practice workshop (Leeds)*

*Tuesday 10th March*—*SACT best practice workshop (London)*

A series of interactive workshop with presentations from the SACT team and NHS trust representatives—Invitations and more information coming soon.

*Tuesday 17th March*—*RCR SACT Awareness Day*

Public Health England, in partnership with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) will be hosting a one-day workshop about the SACT dataset. This is aimed at a clinical audience, for those who oversee the submission of SACT data.

### Future events

**Webinars**
SACT completeness reports
SACT core target reports
**Events**
Outcomes workshop
**Look out for more information on all events**

### Merry Christmas!

The SACT team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your support throughout 2019, we look forward to continuing to work with you for a productive 2020!