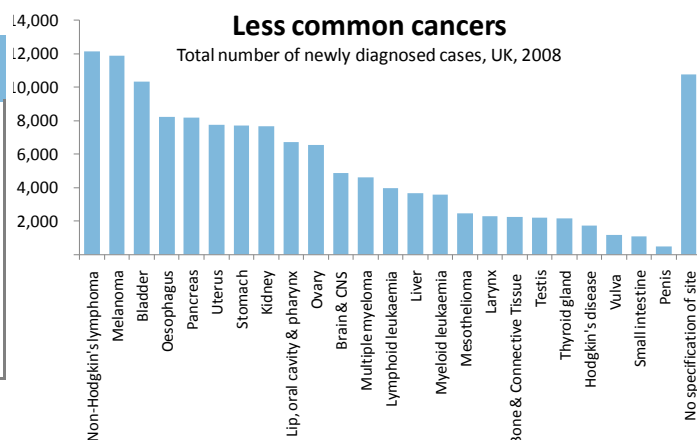


Over the coming year, the National Cancer Intelligence Network will work with its partners to improve the range and quality of statistics available about the less common cancers.

| All cancers & the top 4                      | Number of newly diagnosed cases, UK, 2008 |            |                |                |
|--|---|------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | Number of cases                           | % of total | Males          | Females        |
| <b>Total new cases</b><br>(C00-C97 excl C44) | <b>312,916</b>                            | -          | <b>156,926</b> | <b>155,990</b> |
| Breast (C50)                                 | 48,162                                    | 15%        | -              | 48,162         |
| Trachea, Bronchus and Lung (C33-C34)         | 41,546                                    | 13%        | 23,217         | 18,329         |
| Colorectal (C18-C20)                         | 39,303                                    | 13%        | 21,818         | 17,485         |
| Prostate (C61)                               | 37,375                                    | 12%        | 37,375         | -              |



## Examples of less common cancers

|   | Number of newly diagnosed cases, UK, 2008 |            |       |         |
|---|---|------------|-------|---------|
|   | Number of cases                           | % of total | Males | Females |
| Lip, oral cavity and pharynx (C00-C14)                      | 6,735                                     | 2.2%       | 4,368 | 2,367   |
| <b>Digestive organs</b>                                     |   |            |       |         |
| Oesophagus (C15)  | 8,227                                     | 2.6%       | 5,501 | 2,726   |
| Stomach (C16)   | 7,712                                     | 2.5%       | 4,996 | 2,716   |
| Small intestine (C17)                                       | 1,113                                     | 0.4%       | 592   | 521     |
| Liver and intrahepatic bile ducts (C22)                     | 3,660                                     | 1.2%       | 2,335 | 1,325   |
| Pancreas (C25)  | 8,173                                     | 2.6%       | 4,037 | 4,136   |
| Larynx (C32)  | 2,310                                     | 0.7%       | 1,903 | 407     |
| Malignant melanoma of skin (C43)                            | 11,875                                    | 3.8%       | 5,630 | 6,245   |
| Bone & Connective Tissue (C40-C41,C47,C49)                  | 2,239                                     | 0.7%       | 1,297 | 942     |
| Mesothelioma (C45)  | 2,458                                     | 0.8%       | 2,014 | 444     |
| <b>Female specific cancers</b>                              |   |            |       |         |
| Vulva (C51)   | 1,161                                     | 0.4%       | -     | 1,161   |
| Ovary (C56-C574)  | 6,547                                     | 2.1%       | -     | 6,547   |
| Uterus (body and unspecified) (C54-C55)                     | 7,771                                     | 2.5%       | -     | 7,771   |
| <b>Male specific cancers</b>                                |   |            |       |         |
| Penis (C60)   | 491                                       | 0.2%       | 491   | -       |
| Testis (C62)  | 2,191                                     | 0.7%       | 2,191 | -       |
| <b>Urological</b>   |   |            |       |         |
| Kidney, except renal pelvis (C64)                           | 7,695                                     | 2.5%       | 4,695 | 3,000   |
| Bladder (C67)   | 10,328                                    | 3.3%       | 7,401 | 2,927   |
| Brain and central nervous system (C70-72)                   | 4,865                                     | 1.6%       | 2,766 | 2,099   |
| Thyroid gland (C73)   | 2,186                                     | 0.7%       | 563   | 1,623   |
| <b>Lymphoid, haematopoietic &amp; related tissue</b>        |   |            |       |         |
| Hodgkin's disease (C81)                                     | 1,729                                     | 0.6%       | 942   | 787     |
| Multiple myeloma and malignant plasma cell neoplasms (C90)  | 4,609                                     | 1.5%       | 2,532 | 2,077   |
| Lymphoid leukaemia (C91)                                    | 3,992                                     | 1.3%       | 2,441 | 1,551   |
| Myeloid leukaemia (C92)                                     | 3,581                                     | 1.1%       | 1,999 | 1,582   |
| Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (C82-C85+C96)                        | 12,156                                    | 3.9%       | 6,494 | 5,662   |
| Cancers registered without a specification of site (C77-80) | 10,752                                    | 3.4%       | 4,915 | 5,837   |

There were over 300,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in the UK in 2008. The four most common cancers – breast, lung, colorectal and prostate – account for over half of all new cases. But how much do we know about the cancers that are less common?

The NCIN is working with its partners to determine what is needed to improve the information routinely available on less common cancers. Improvements will include cancer statistics for a wider range of cancer types, trends and more in depth information than currently routinely published.

Work has already started in partnership with Cancer52. Cancer52 is an alliance of 41 organisations working to address the inequalities that exist in policy, services and research into the less common cancers and to improve outcomes for patients with these highly challenging diseases.