

NED National Endoscopy
Database

NED FIT Dashboard User Guide

Cancer alliances and Integrated care board user

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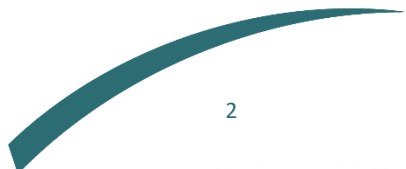
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Introduction

This guide outlines the National Endoscopy Database (NED) Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) dashboard.

NED currently collects FIT data from services uploading to the latest schema version. The aim of the dashboard is to make the data available to relevant organisations and bodies to view the data in a user friendly output.

The NHS Cancer Programme has been working with the NED team to explore a national metric to track the use of FIT in secondary care, and proposed the following:

The percentage of *symptomatic* colonoscopies informed by a positive FIT ($\geq 10\mu\text{gHb/g}$).

It is felt that colonoscopies can be broadly categorised by indication¹ as:

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| 1. Therapeutic | 5. Evaluation, diagnosis or surveillance of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) |
| 2. Bowel Cancer Screening | 6. Symptomatic |
| 3. Abnormal prior investigation | 7. Only FIT recorded |
| 4. High-cancer-risk surveillance | |

Routine, urgent and urgent suspected cancer (“2-week-wait”) procedures all predominantly fall within the Symptomatic category and occupy the same niche of colonoscopic service provision. It is argued that all symptomatic procedures benefit from a prior FIT to establish their necessity and urgency.

Performance of this metric was explored using NED data from January to June 2025 inclusive. In that period, 41.9% of procedures were labelled as “FIT not done”. Of those with a recorded FIT, the rate of compliance with the new metric was 79.5%. The NHS Cancer Programme has proposed a target of 85% of symptomatic colonoscopies being informed by a FIT $\geq 10\mu\text{gHb/g}$. When just examining procedures with a recorded FIT, 37.1% of NHS services met this target.

At present, there is significant variation in the reporting of FIT results by endoscopists. Although around 40% of procedures are labelled as FIT not done, closer analysis shows that some endoscopists report a FIT value for almost all their symptomatic procedures whereas some do so rarely.

The dashboard is designed to allow further analysis of FIT reporting for all procedures, and will also be accessible to organisation leads, along with an extra tab showing endoscopist performance. The current

Please visit our [FAQ's](#) to see further information, such as how NED captures FIT values.

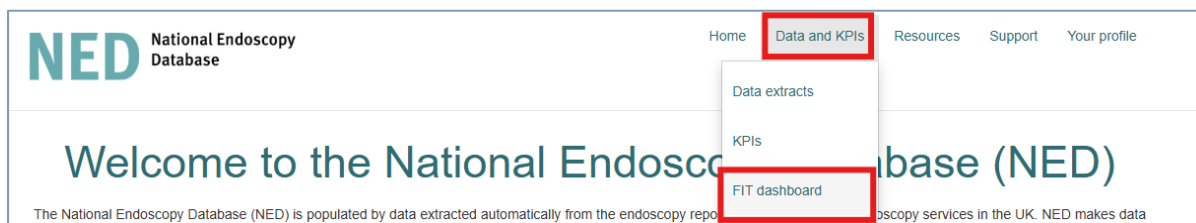
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Using the dashboard

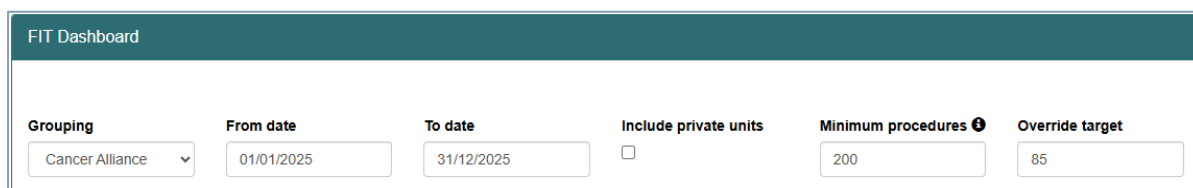
Access to the dashboard is available to Organisation leads, Cancer alliance leads, Integrated Care Boards and National leads.

[Log into NED](#) and click on the 'Data and KPIs' tab, then 'FIT dashboard':



Filters

You can filter the page by changing the grouping, dates, procedures and also changing the target.

The image shows the 'FIT Dashboard' filter controls. The controls are arranged horizontally and include: 'Grouping' (a dropdown menu set to 'Cancer Alliance'), 'From date' (a date input field set to '01/01/2025'), 'To date' (a date input field set to '31/12/2025'), 'Include private units' (a checkbox that is unchecked), 'Minimum procedures' (a numeric input field set to '200'), and 'Override target' (a numeric input field set to '85').

- Grouping
 - 'Cancer Alliance' / 'Integrated Care Board' – This view allows comparison of the body as a whole, highlighted in red, to others in the country.
 - 'Organisation' – This view will highlight NHS trusts that are linked to the body, so you can see the breakdown by organisation. You will be able to see the data for each organisation, however those that are not linked will be anonymous.
- Date
 - Change the dates to limit the time range procedures are taken from. This will affect the scatter graph, showing all procedures in the given date range. It will also affect the bar chart, limiting the 'minimum procedures' value to procedures in the date range given.
- Minimum procedures
 - This will limit the amount of procedures shown to the value entered, within the date range given.
- Override target
 - Change the target line on the bar chart for further analysis.
- Include independent units
 - When on 'organisation' view, this will include independent sector services. This value is off by default to allow NHS service comparison.

Cancer alliances and Integrated Care Boards will be able to access 2 tabs, FIT in symptomatic colonoscopy, and FIT bands

FIT ≥ 10 ugHb/g in symptomatic colonoscopy

This section will show performance with the primary metric. Organisations will be able to view their performance over any date range, or over their last x number of procedures, compared to the rest of the organisations uploading to NED.

- The first scatter plot shows the grouping, and the total procedures for each in the date range given in the filters. The 90th and 75th lines represent the top decline/quartile, and will automatically adjust with the date range.
- The bar graph displays the groupings performance over the last x number of procedures, which is change using the 'Minimum procedures' box. This is defaulted to 200. The target can be changed, however the advisory target is 85%, which is the default value. The 95% CI will auto adjust when the target is changed.

The data for the bar graph is then shown underneath in a table, should full comparison be needed by number. Users can use the 'Export' button to see this data on an excel spreadsheet.

FIT band

This section will show a breakdown of an organisations FIT reporting by showing the percentage of symptomatic colonoscopies in each of the following FIT bands:

- FIT not done
- FIT done, result awaited
- FIT negative, no value recorded
- FIT <10ugHb/g
- FIT positive, no value recorded
- FIT 10-100ugHb/g
- FIT >100ugHb/g

This is a stacked bar plot, which shows the grouping for your selected filter, compared to all NHS data. This is adjustable by date.

Support

If you have any issues with the data, access, or functionality of the dashboard, please get in touch with the NED team via our [contact form](#).

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