Focus on Building Pathway Analytics

Project objectives and context

- Monitor Deloitte has enjoyed a long-running partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support and the National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) to build “the most detailed map of cancer survivorship yet”.

- Historical approaches to analysing cancer outcomes in the UK have focused on the impact of point interventions, often in isolation of variance in the real world brought about by social factors, geographical inconsistencies in clinical practice, and by the impact of comorbidities. Our ‘Routes from Diagnosis’ methodology is a new approach to explore and quantify patient journeys following a cancer diagnosis – providing a more holistic picture of patient experience.

- This methodology is being used to transform care and improve the outcomes and experience of those living with and beyond cancer by:
  - creating an evidence base of current patient outcomes, and long-term trends, to support successful planning of cancer services;
  - identifying opportunities to tailor services to meet different health and support needs of people living with and beyond cancer; and
  - forecasting the impact of service redesign initiatives on outcomes and cost of care thereby supporting the prioritisation of change.

Findings

• Quantified the financial impact of survivorship by outcome group and treatment phase.

• Analysis revealed that, for certain groups, survivorship costs were greater than costs incurred during treatment phase.

• Identified marked differences in the length of time and the amount of costs in each of the cancer care pathway stages, highlighting opportunities for targeted improvement.

Impact

• Findings were presented at NCIN Cancer Outcomes Conferences, published by Macmillan in an external report, and were covered by the BBC and the Guardian newspaper. Routes from Diagnosis also won a High Commended award at the HSJ Awards 2015.

• These insights have supported a comprehensive service redesign programme.


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