

There was **less variation between trusts** than in the previous audit periods, and no negative outlier units were identified.

The number of operations performed by individual surgeons **has risen** to a median of 50 (46 in 2016). Unit activity has risen to a median of 235 cases/year (203 in 2016).

The majority of lung cancer surgery is performed using minimal access approaches, mostly video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS).

Resection rate in fit patients with early-stage disease has been reported this year. This may be a better measure of surgical quality, as most of these patients should be operable.

The number of lung cancer operations performed has risen by **5.4%** between 2016 and 2017 to **6,684**. Survival at 30 days and at 1 year remains high despite an increase in activity (**98.1%** and **88.7%** respectively).

Nationally, resection rates continue to rise. However, there are major differences in resection rates between units.