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<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The majority of Northern Irish uveal melanoma (UM) patients are diagnosed in Sheffield. Comparison of data between the centre in Sheffield and the NICR found that some NI patients diagnosed in Sheffield were not registered with NICR at the start of this study.</p> <p>Rare cancers, like uveal melanoma (UM), are at higher risk of system-based omission due to the small numbers of cancers involved, making it more difficult to detect with validation procedures.</p> <p>For the first time incidence and survival data for UM in NI was produced showing high incidence compared with other European countries and good survival rates</p>
<b>What this means for the service</b>	<p>This study showed the importance of population-based cancer registration and the need for complete data on all cancer patients to allow accurate incidence, prevalence and survival data to be produced.</p> <p>Following this study, data-transfer agreements between England and NI were put in place to prevent future data-omissions. This will allow accurate incidence and survival</p>

	data for NI patients with uveal melanoma (UM) to be developed going forward.
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