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Conclusion	This study evaluated patient management following stage pT1 colorectal cancer (CRC) diagnosis, to determine if surgical resection improved outcome compared with local excision, within a population-based study in Northern Ireland using data from Northern Ireland Cancer Registry on 394 patients.
What this means for the service	Patients with stage pT1 CRC undergoing formal surgery had a reduced risk of all cause mortality compared with those treated by local excision only. However, this was not explained by a reduced risk of recurrence/disease-free survival or CRC death, and suggests that the observed benefits may simply reflect selection of a healthier patient population in the formal surgery group.