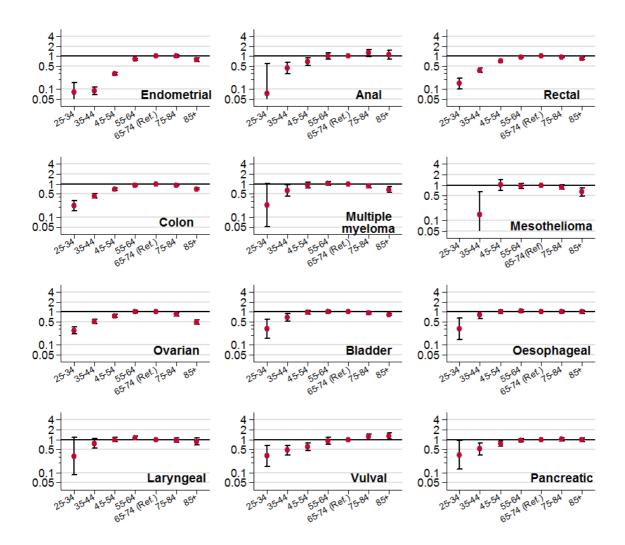
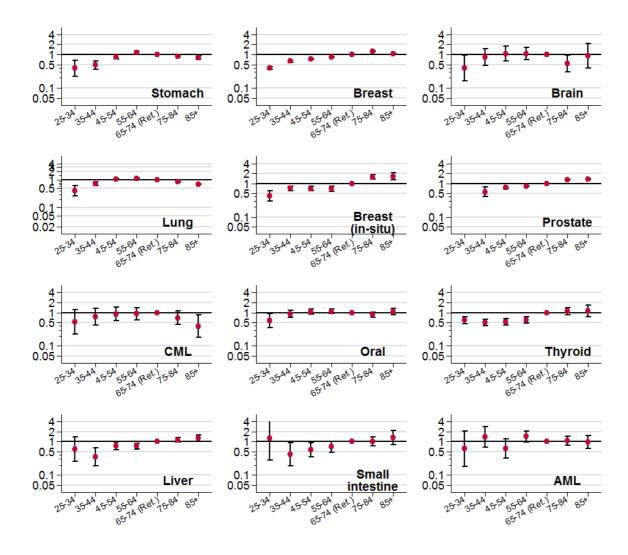
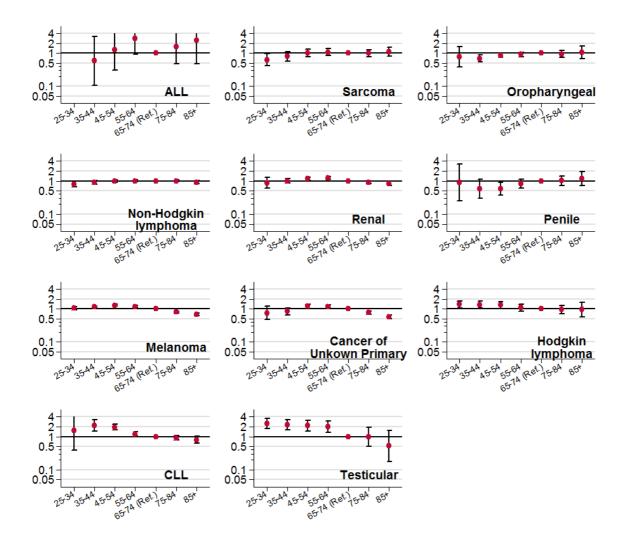
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Supplementary File 2: Age restrictions in NICE 2005 guidelines for individual cancers(2)

Cancer Group as in NICE guidelines	Age-related fast-track criteria for referral	Age-related fast-track criteria for investigation	Age-related non- fast-track criteria for referral	Cancers implicated by age-related criteria	Correlates with cancer- specific variation by age?
Lung	Persistent haemoptysis in smokers >40			Lung	No
Upper GI		Unexplained dyspepsia >55		Oesophageal, stomach	No
Lower GI	>40 PR bleed and change in bowel habit			Colon, rectal	No
	>60 with PR bleed				
	>60 with change in bowel habit				
Breast	>30F with lump that persists		<30F with a lump	Breast	Yes (increasing 2WW with age from 30)
	<30F that enlarges or fixed or family history				
	>50M with unilateral mass				
Gynaecological	Post-menopausal bleeding			Endometrial	Yes (large increase in 2WW from 45-54)
Urological	40+ recurrent or persistent UTI with haematuria		<50 with microscopic haematuria	Bladder, renal	Possibly (increase in 2WW between 25-34 and 35-44 for bladder), not renal

	50+ with unexplained microscopic haematuria			No (Not much change from 45- 54 onwards)
Haematological	No age			
Skin	No age			
Head and Neck	Hoarseness 50+	No age	Laryngeal, Lung	No
	Thyroid swelling 65+		Thyroid	Possibly (increase between 55-64 and 65-74)
Brain and CNS	No age			
Soft tissue sarcoma	No age			
Children and young people	No age			