TABLE 1. Proposed domains and indicators for an accountable Centre of Excellence.

Domain	Examples of indicators	Purpose
Referral and access	Defined referral criteria; virtual review; referral-to-review and referral-to-treatment intervals	Timely access and reduced geographical inequality
Selection and MDT governance	Structured decisions; documented intent; review of declined cases; patient priorities recorded	Consistent selection and shared decision-making
Imaging and pathology	Specialist MRI review; anatomical roadmap; radiology-surgery-pathology correlation	More accurate assessment of resectability and margins
Operative and perioperative care	Planned multivisceral and reconstructive support; anaesthesia, critical care, transfusion and rehabilitation pathways	Appropriate radicality and safer recovery
Outcomes and improvement	Prospective registry; complications, reintervention, mortality, R0, survival, PROMs, external comparisons	Transparency and continuous quality improvement
Education and network responsibility	Training pathway; research participation; succession planning; shared-care and referrer communication	Sustainable expertise and continuity of care