

NHS NORTH WEST LONDON ICS - MESSAGE TO ALL NWL GP PRACTICES

9th April 2024

This cancer GP bulletin contains updates for GPs and their practice staff on the following:

1. Bowel Cancer Awareness Month – **ACTION FOR PRACTICES: All practice staff**
2. Temporary pause to cervical and bowel cancer screening SMS reminders – **ACTION FOR PRACTICES: All practice staff**
3. Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer Referral forms – Updated on SystemOne: **All GPs**
4. Job opportunity: GP recruitment: Imperial College Healthcare Non Site Specific (NSS) Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC) – **All GPs**
5. Cervical Screening Assessor / Mentor training dates: 23rd April 2024 -**All Practice Nurses, Physician associates and GPs**
6. Primary care education resource to support urgent suspected cancer referrals - new module now live - Brain cancer – **All GPs**
7. Gateway C – Training resources for April – **All Practice staff**
8. West London Primary Care education schedule – **all practice staff**

BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF

- Every April, Bowel Cancer Awareness Month gives us a chance to raise awareness about bowel cancer and bowel cancer screening.
- It's a crucial opportunity to educate people about the disease and its symptoms, and to support people affected by bowel cancer.
- NHS England have developed a Bowel Cancer Awareness Communications Toolkit that you can draw from to raise awareness of the importance of bowel screening amongst patients.
- **It includes the following:**
 - **Key messaging**
 - Importance of screening 'Your next poo can save your life'
 - Completing the kit
 - Test results
 - **Useful information about the FIT test and how patients can access them (if not received in post)**
 - **Posters (that can be downloaded) and Digital screen assets to display in reception screens**

- **Useful links for further information**

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- Entering into the bowel screening programme
- Are non responders
- Who are exiting the screening programme (and due to receive a final test kit)

These are available:

EMIS: F12 > NWL F12 Template Launcher > Cancer > Cancer Screening

SystemOne: Auto Consultation > Cancer and Palliative > Cancer Screening

Primary Care Actions

- **Promote Bowel Cancer Awareness month by displaying posters and uploading digital screen materials on practice reception display screens**
- **Use messaging included in the communications toolkit / template messaging available in S1 / EMIS to raise awareness in eligible patient cohorts that have not yet responded to screening invite (non responders)**

**TEMPORARY PAUSE TO CERVICAL AND BOWEL CANCER
SCREENING SMS REMINDERS – ALL PRACTICE STAFF**

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF

- iPLATO currently send bowel and cervical cancer screening SMS reminders across London. The iPLATO: NHS London contract comes to an end on 31 March 2024 which will result in a temporary pause to the issue of text messages until new arrangements are in place.
- We hope to resume the service in summer 2024 and will contact you with more detail in due course.

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- Use messaging included in the communications toolkit (covered above) to raise awareness in eligible patient cohorts that have not yet responded to screening invite (non responders) / utilise email / SMS templates available on S1 and EMIS

PAN LONDON URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER REFERRAL FORMS – UPDATED ON SYSTMONE

FOR INFORMATION – ALL GPs

- From **1 October 2023**, the standards measuring waiting times for cancer diagnosis and treatment were modernised and simplified.
- This resulted in the removal of the Two Week Wait standard requiring a first appointment within two weeks.
- Work is being undertaken to make minor changes to the Urgent Suspected Cancer referral forms **on SystemOne** to move away from the whole “2 week wait” pathway – i.e. no longer promoting that patient will hear within 2 weeks (and forms start to make reference to 28 days etc). These will be updated for EMIS practices when the Transforming Cancer Services Team (TCST) releases the updated EMIS forms for replacement.
- There will be a removal of 2WW within the Filename/Folders etc, which may cause confusion when users searching for forms (if not using C the Signs etc, but S1 directly).

i.e.

Folder change: 2WW Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer à Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer

Referral form filename: e.g. Breast Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer USC 2WW Referral Jan 2024 à Breast Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer USC Referral April 2024

JOB OPPORTUNITY: GP RECRUITMENT: IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NON SITE SPECIFIC (NSS) RAPID DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (RDC)

FOR INFORMATION – ALL GPs

Closing date 21st April

- An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced and qualified GP with a background or keen interest in Oncology to jointly lead the Imperial College Healthcare Non Site Specific (NSS) Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC).

- The GPwSI role will suit GPs who:
 - Are medically qualified and maintain GMC specialist registration
 - Have a background or interest in Oncology
 - Want to develop their service management and leadership experience
 - Relish the opportunity to develop their own ideas and initiatives
 - Are committed to and passionate about improving the NHS

This is a substantive post offered for **4 PAs per week**. The post holder will deliver face to face clinics at St. Marys Hospital and Charing Cross Hospital, and will have access to office facilities at St. Marys Hospital.

For more details about the role and to access the full job description and person specification, please visit: [Job Advert \(jobs.nhs.uk\)](https://jobs.nhs.uk)

For questions about the job, contact:

General Practitioner
Dr Sarah Bull

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**CERVICAL SCREENING ASSESSOR / MENTOR TRAINING
DATES: 23RD APRIL 2024**

**FOR INFORMATION – PRACTICE NURSES, PHYSICIAN
ASSOCIATES AND GPs**

- Please note that the **next date** for Assessor/Mentor training for sample-takers is scheduled for **Tuesday 23rd April**.
- This is an **on-line 2 hour tuition session** for qualified and registered nurses, midwives, physician associates, and GMC doctors who wish to act as cervical screening mentors and external assessors.
- The training will be via MS Teams and will run from **9.30 am until 11.30 am**. A link to the meeting will be sent out upon successful application
- This session is **free of charge** to London-based sample takers.
- Full details and application can be found via the London Regional Cytology Training Centre website: www.lrctc.org.uk

PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION RESOURCE TO SUPPORT URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER REFERRALS

NEW MODULE NOW LIVE - BRAIN CANCER

FOR INFORMATION – ALL GPs

- The South East London Cancer Alliance (SELCA) has launched an early cancer diagnosis resource for primary care.
- The online resource will comprise of bitesize modules, each focussing on a specific cancer or group of cancers, and can be completed within 10 minutes.
- The following modules are now available, including the latest module on [Brain Cancer](#)
 - [Head and Neck cancer](#)
 - [Pancreatic training module.](#)
 - [Lung Cancer training module.](#)
 - [Myeloma training module.](#)
 - [Oral cancer](#)
 - [Oesophageal Cancer](#)
 - [Brain Cancer](#)
- The remaining modules listed below will be released before summer 2024.
 - Ovarian cancer

GATEWAY C – TRAINING RESOURCES FOR APRIL

FOR INFORMATION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF

- To mark Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, Gateway C have made available the following courses available via [April cancer early diagnosis resources \(sendinblue.com\)](https://sendinblue.com)
 - Bowel Cancer Awareness Month resources
 - FIT
 - Bowel Screening
 - Lower GI podcast

WEST LONDON PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION FREE OPPORTUNITIES

Educational Event	Targeted Audience	Training Dates	How to register / access
<p>Primary Care Cancer Education Programme (across 2 years)</p> <p>Programme to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Practices and PCN teams in identifying early signs of cancer. • Working as a team to support people living with cancer, meet PCN DES and QOF / IIF requirements. <p>Delivered by Red Whale</p>	<p>This course is open to the following PCN staff members:</p> <p>GPs, PAs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Practice Nurses, PCN Pharmacists, PCN Paramedics, PCN First Contact, Physiotherapists, PCN Social Prescribers</p> <p>Any other role supporting patients with long term conditions</p>	<p>On Demand training available to access until January 2025</p>	<p>www.gp-update.co.uk/RMP2</p> <p>enter discount code PCCEP21RMP</p>
<p>Cancer Screening courses</p> <p>Gateway C have released Screening modules cover the breast, cervical, and bowel cancer screening programmes.</p> <p>These courses are FREE and worth 1 CPD point.</p> <p>These courses are designed to support primary care in implementing national screening programmes.</p>	<p>All relevant primary care staff involved with screening programmes.</p>	<p>On Demand training.</p>	<p>Our Courses - GatewayC - Register for free to login and enrol</p>

<p>Early Diagnosis Resources – Gateway C</p> <p>March 2024 Gateway C have released training modules to support primary care staff in effectively assessing and managing patients with symptoms potentially indicative of Prostate Cancer, Brain Tumour, Colorectal Cancer and Ovarian Cancer and recognising patients who are most at risk.</p> <p>April 2024 To mark Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, Gateway C have made available the following courses available via April cancer early diagnosis resources (sendinblue.com)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bowel Cancer Awareness Month resources ○ FIT ○ Bowel Screening ○ Lower GI podcast 	<p>All relevant primary care staff</p> <p>All relevant primary care staff</p>	<p>On Demand training.</p> <p>On Demand training.</p>	<p>Prostate Cancer Brain Tumour Colorectal Cancer Ovarian Cancer</p> <p>April cancer early diagnosis resources (sendinblue.com)</p>
<p>Early Cancer diagnosis training modules – South East London Cancer Alliance (SELCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SEL Cancer Alliance has launched an early cancer diagnosis resource for primary care. ● The online resource will comprise of bitesize modules, each focussing on a 	<p>Primary care clinical staff - GPs, PAs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Practice Nurses, PCN Pharmacists, PCN Paramedics</p>	<p>On Demand training.</p>	<p>Head and Neck cancer Pancreatic training module. Lung Cancer training module. Myeloma training module. Oral cancer Oesophageal Cancer Brain Cancer</p>

<p>specific cancer or group of cancers, and can be completed within 10 minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following modules are now available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head and Neck cancer • Pancreatic training module. • Lung Cancer training module. • Myeloma training module. • Oral Cancer • Oesophageal cancer • Brain Cancer 			
<p>Telephone triage training supports assessment of cancer patients</p>	<p>All clinicians</p>	<p>Free on demand training</p>	<p>UKONS Telephone Triage training programme page</p>
<p>Cancer Conversations: Cancer in an Ageing Population</p> <p>Gateway C</p>	<p>All GPs</p>	<p>Free on demand</p>	<p>Cancer in an Ageing Population - GatewayC</p>

CANCER WEBINAR PROGRAMME - [West London Primary Care Webinars - YouTube](#)

Date	Time	Topic	Host (s)	Video recording / joining link
12th August 2021	12:30 – 1:30	Urology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Urological Cancer & the Pandemic • Prostate Cancer • Bladder Cancer 	Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners. Mr Manit Arya, Consultant Urology, Charing Cross Hospital & Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London Mr Giles Hellowell, Consultant Urological Surgeon, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London	Watch the session here
17th November 2021	12:00 - 1:15	Lung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Covid-19 on referrals for Lung Cancer • Covid-19 vs Lung Cancer • Local RMP Pilots • Improving referral management for Lung Cancers • Case studies • Q&A 	Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners. Dr Susannah Bloch, Acute Respiratory Consultant at Imperial and Lung Clinical Pathway Lead at RM Partners	Watch the session here
14th January 2021	12:00 - 1:15	Haematological Cancers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Referral Management for Haematological Cancers • Case Studies 	Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners. Dr Anastasia Chew, Haematology Consultant, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHSFT Dr Akila Danga, Consultant Haematologist, Hillingdon Hospitals NHSFT	Watch the session here
9th February 2022	1:00 – 2:00	Lower GI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Referral Management • FIT 	Dr Bushra Khawaja, GP Cancer Lead – Hillingdon Dr Alistair Myers, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon Specialty Lead for General Surgery and Urology,	Watch the session here

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies • Support available and resources for Primary Care 	Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals, Chair of Colorectal Cancer Working Group, RM Partners	
3rd March 2022	1:00 – 2:15	<p>PCN DES and National Screening programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCN DES for Early Cancer Diagnosis • PCN Requirements • Hints and Tips to support delivery • Screening programmes • Current screening uptake improvement interventions 	<p>Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners</p> <p>Dr Baldeep Syan, GP Cancer Lead – Hammersmith and Fulham</p>	Watch the session here
5th April 2022	1.00 – 2.00	<p>Personalised Cancer Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Needs Assessments • Treatment Summaries • ‘What Matters to you?’ 	<p>Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners</p> <p>Katherine Malhotra, Personalised Care Clinical Lead for RM Partners</p> <p>Janice Minter, Lead Cancer Nurse Chair for RM Partners.</p>	Watch the session here
17th May 2022	1:00 – 2:00	<p>Rapid Diagnostic Centres (RDCs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on RDCs available in NWL and improving access to RDCs • Case studies to support best practice 	<p>Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners</p> <p>Dr Baldeep Syan, GP Cancer Lead – Hammersmith and Fulham</p>	Watch the session here
28th June 2022	1:00 – 2:00	<p>Gynaecology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Referral Management • Case Studies 	John Butler, Consultant Gynaecological Oncology Surgeon, Chair of Gynaecology Cancer Working Group, RM Partners	Watch the session here

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support available and resources for Primary Care 	Dr Lyndsey Williams, GP Cancer Lead for Brent and Ealing	
14th July 2022	1:00 - 2:00	<p>Cancer Hot Topics Prostate Cancer: .Approach to take in delivering this aspect of the DES and what support is available to assist you.</p> <p><u>Use of FIT for suspected colorectal cancer:</u> Clarification of when FIT should be dispensed, the referral pathway and how practices and PCNs can track how patients FIT results are received and entered into patient notes.</p>	<p>Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners</p> <p>Dr Maria Wallace, GP Cancer Lead for Wandsworth.</p> <p>Hasan Qazi, Consultant Urologist at St George's University Hospital, Chair of Urology Cancer Working Group, RM Partners</p>	Watch the session here .
14th September 2022	1 – 2pm	<p>Breast Cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Referral Management Case Studies Support available and resources for Primary Care 	<p>Nicky Roche, Consultant Breast Surgeon, Royal Marsden Hospital, Chair of the Breast Cancer Working Group</p> <p>Jason Lee, Consultant Breast and Reconstructive (Oncoplastic) Surgeon, Clinical Lead for the Breast Service at London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust</p>	Watch the session here .
26th October 2022	12 -2pm	<p>The Good Smear Taker – supporting nervous and anxious patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the anxieties that patients 	<p>Gill Burgess, Lead Nurse for the Croydon cervical screening clinics for nervous and anxious women</p> <p>Marianne Wood, Colposcopist and Hysteroscopist at St Georges</p>	Watch the session here .

		<p>have around HPV, the screening process and how to respond to these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top tips and communication skills in handling and managing nervous patients in the treatment room. • Develop a greater understanding on the Colposcopy process to support conversations with patients. 		
Wednesday 20th September 2023	1 - 2pm	<p>West London Cancer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update to changes to 2ww/FDS and PCN DES • Background to cancer detection via primary care and key data sources • An overview of primary care cancer detection programme and including next steps • Information on Rapid diagnostic centres (RDCs) and NG12 criteria 	Dr Thomas Round (Research Clinical fellow for RM Partners) and Dr Lucy Sneddon (SWL Primary Care Clinical Lead)	Watch the session here

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