

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

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

1. Update on the Multi-Cancer Blood Test Programme – **all practice staff**
2. Jewish BRCA programme launched - **all GPs**
3. Primary care education opportunities:
  - Telephone triage training supports assessment of cancer patients - **all clinicians**
  - Cancer Conversations: Cancer in an Ageing Population – **all GPs**
4. West London Primary Care education schedule – **all practice staff**

### **UPDATE ON THE MULTI CANCER BLOOD TEST (MCBT) PROGRAMME**

#### **FOR INFORMATION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF**

- The NHS is conducting a large-scale in-service evaluation of a multi-cancer early detection blood test (the Galleri test).
- The Multi-Cancer Blood Test (MCBT) programme (previously known as the Galleri pilot) will offer up to 1 million multi-cancer early detection tests to asymptomatic people in select areas of England from the summer of 2024 for two years, providing early data from the NHS-Galleri trial are successful.
- RM Partners is supporting the national pilot of the NHS MCBT programme. Multi cancer early detection tests can detect cancer before symptoms appear. The aim of the pilot is to establish whether screening with the Galleri test reduces the incidence of late-stage cancer when used in an asymptomatic population in combination with existing NHS cancer screening programmes.
- The attached communication pack provides more information for all primary care workforce staff on the programme including draft planned rollouts per borough from July 2024.
- For more information on this programme, please contact Lindsay Ballantyne, Operational Programme Director for the Multi-Cancer Blood Test Programme (Email: [lindsay.ballantyne@nhs.net](mailto:lindsay.ballantyne@nhs.net))

**\*Please note this is a preliminary communications pack and provides the latest information available at present. All time scales, referral predications and data included may be subject to change and will need confirmation from the National**

team, following the evaluation of results from the current NHS-Galleri trial that is being undertaken. Results are due to be released in April 2024\*

**MCBT Communications Pack**



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**JEWISH BRCA PROGRAMME LAUNCHED**



**FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION – ALL GPs**

- On 30 January 2023, NHS England launched a programme to offer genetic testing for BRCA mutations to men and women over 18 years old with Jewish ancestry (at least one Jewish grandparent) in England.
- Having a BRCA mutation increases your risk of developing several cancers, in particular for women, breast and ovarian cancer. The programme is important because people with Jewish ancestry have a 1 in 40 risk of carrying a BRCA mutation compared to the general population risk of 1 in 250.
- The programme has so far been a success. In 2023, 3719 Jewish people returned a saliva sample to be tested, 2488 results have been processed and 76 BRCA carriers found.
- The full launch of the programme is planned for 31 January 2024 which will include an event at the House of Lords, a BBC news article, and a story in The Jewish Chronicle.
- In collaboration with [Jnetics](#) and [Chai Cancer Care](#), the programme will deliver a national engagement campaign to the Jewish population in England to encourage people to take up the offer of a BRCA test. An [information page](#) about BRCA is available for those interested in the programme and those who want more information on the implications of a positive result and the support services available.
- Anyone interested in participating in the programme should be asked to complete [this registration form](#). It is recommended that GPs (and other primary care staff) share this link with Jewish patients who are interested in a test or suggest they call the genetic counselling hotline directly to order a test: 020 3437 6001 (the hotline is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, with extended hours to 7:00pm on Wednesdays). Close family members of those who have tested positive should also be referred to the programme for testing via the same approach.
- If you would like to support the programme as part of your early diagnosis work please contact [susana.lukic@nhs.net](mailto:susana.lukic@nhs.net) for more information.

**ACTION FOR PRIMARY CARE (GPs)**

- Jewish patients who are interested in a test should be asked to complete [this registration form](#) or suggest they call the genetic counselling hotline directly to order a test: 020 3437 6001 (the hotline is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, with extended hours to 7:00pm on Wednesdays).

- Close family members of those who have tested positive should also be referred to the programme for testing via the same approach.

<p><b>NHS Jewish BRCA Testing Programme: Information for Cancer Alliances and regional teams</b></p>	<p> NHS Jewish BRCA Programme Full Lau</p>
<p><b>NHS Jewish BRCA Testing Programme – HCP information sheet</b></p>	<p> NHS Jewish BRCA Programme - HCP in</p>

## PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### FOR INFORMATION

#### Telephone triage training supports assessment of cancer patients – **all clinicians**

- Colleagues working with oncology and haematology patients can now access **free** online training to help utilise the UK Oncology Nurses Society (UKONS) triage tool in everyday practice.
- The UKONS 24- Hour Triage Tool is a risk assessment tool that uses a **red, amber and green** (RAG) scoring system to identify and prioritise the presenting problems of patients contacting 24-hour advice lines.
- The aim of the new training is to provide a standardised programme that can be used as a basis for this specific triage process. The free training also provides generic information and guidance relating to organisational governance and the safe delivery of telephone assessment.
- The elearning will be useful for all staff who undertake telephone assessment of cancer patients across secondary care, primary care and volunteer organisations (including service managers and practice educators).
- **You don't need a healthcare email address to register**, which means colleagues from third sector and voluntary organisations can access the training for **free**. Simply visit the [UKONS Telephone Triage training programme page](#) on the NHS Learning Hub to register and find out more.

#### Cancer Conversations: Cancer in an Ageing Population – **all GPs**

- Over half of people newly diagnosed with cancer are aged over 70.
- Gateway C's 'Our Cancer Conversation' recorded webinar explores age as a health inequality and a new Senior Adult Oncology service, introduced in Manchester, that is

aiming to support older people with cancer and multiple comorbidities to achieve better outcomes.

This episode covers:

- What are the considerations when managing elderly patients with cancer?
- How can primary care support patients referred into secondary/tertiary care?
- What is the new Senior Adult Oncology service and why was it implemented?
- How can primary care be more involved?

**Access the webinar recording here: [Cancer in an Ageing Population - GatewayC](#)**

## WEST LONDON PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION FREE OPPORTUNITIES

Educational Event	Targeted Audience	Training Dates	How to register / access
<p><b>Primary Care Cancer Education Programme (across 2 years)</b></p> <p>Programme to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP Practices and PCN teams in identifying early signs of cancer.</li> <li>• Working as a team to support people living with cancer, meet PCN DES and QOF / IIF requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Delivered by <a href="#">Red Whale</a></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 <b>January 2025</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.gp-update.co.uk/RMP2">www.gp-update.co.uk/RMP2</a></p> <p>enter discount code <b>PCCEP21RMP</b></p>
<p><b>Cancer Screening courses</b></p> <p><a href="#">Gateway C</a> have released Screening modules cover the <a href="#">breast</a>, <a href="#">cervical</a>, and <a href="#">bowel</a> 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><a href="#">Our Courses - GatewayC</a> - Register for free to login and enrol</p>
<p><b>Early Cancer diagnosis training modules – South East London Cancer Alliance (SELCA)</b></p>	<p>Primary care clinical staff - GPs, PAs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Advanced</p>	<p>On Demand training.</p>	<p><a href="#">Head and Neck cancer</a> <a href="#">Pancreatic training module.</a> <a href="#">Lung Cancer training module.</a></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEL Cancer Alliance has launched an early cancer diagnosis resource for primary care.</li> <li>• The online resource will comprise of seven bitesize modules, each focussing on a specific cancer or group of cancers, and can be completed within 10 minutes.</li> <li>• The following modules are now available:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head and Neck cancer</li> <li>• Pancreatic training module.</li> <li>• Lung Cancer training module.</li> <li>• Myeloma training module.</li> <li>• Head and Neck Cancer</li> <li>• Oral Cancer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Clinical Practitioners, Practice Nurses, PCN Pharmacists, PCN Paramedics</p>		<p><a href="#">Myeloma training module.</a> <a href="#">Head and neck cancer</a> <a href="#">Oral cancer</a></p>
<p><b>Telephone triage training supports assessment of cancer patients</b></p>	<p>All clinicians</p>	<p><b>Free on demand training</b></p>	<p><a href="#">UKONS Telephone Triage training programme page</a></p>
<p><b>Cancer Conversations: Cancer in an Ageing Population</b></p> <p><a href="#">Gateway C</a></p>	<p>All GPs</p>	<p><b>Free on demand</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Cancer in an Ageing Population - GatewayC</a></p>

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

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

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



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support available and resources for Primary Care</li> </ul>	Dr Lyndsey Williams, GP Cancer Lead for Brent and Ealing	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	1:00 - 2:00	<p><b>Cancer Hot Topics</b> <b>Prostate Cancer:</b> .Approach to take in delivering this aspect of the DES and what support is available to assist you.</p> <p><b><u>Use of FIT for suspected colorectal cancer:</u></b> 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 <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	1 – 2pm	<p><b>Breast Cancer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Referral Management</li> <li>Case Studies</li> <li>Support available and resources for Primary Care</li> </ul>	<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 <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	12 -2pm	<p><b>The Good Smear Taker – supporting nervous and anxious patients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the anxieties that patients</li> </ul>	<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 <a href="#">here</a> .

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on resources and education opportunities</li></ul>		
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