

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

22nd November 2023

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

BREAST CANCER SCREENING

- 1. Introducing The Beauty of Support - Talking hair, culture and cancer in Black women's hairdressers.**

PAN LONDON CANCER ALLIANCE RESEARCH FELLOWS 23/24

- 2. Applications open for pan-London research fellowships**

PRIMARY CARE CANCER EDUCATION

- 3. Tell us how you would like to receive Cancer Education!**
- 4. Red Whale Cancer Education – still available!**
- 5. FREE Cancer Education Programme.**

BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME

INTRODUCING THE BEAUTY OF SUPPORT - TALKING HAIR, CULTURE AND CANCER IN BLACK WOMEN'S HAIRDRESSERS

FOR INFORMATION

Research indicates that Black women are less likely to go for breast cancer screening and more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than many other women.

A video developed by Macmillan (<https://youtu.be/VxRqhn3uEn8>) introduces the *Beauty of Support* project, an initiative in South East London which aims to start conversations about cancer between Black women and their hairdressers to break down taboos and help people access support.

The project was developed by Macmillan using insights from focus groups with women from African and Caribbean backgrounds and Black hairdressers.

For more information about the project or to access literature available please visit:
www.macmillan.org.uk/thebeautyofsupport

PAN LONDON CANCER ALLIANCE RESEARCH FELLOWS 23/24

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PAN-LONDON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

FOR INFORMATION

We are offering an exciting opportunity for **clinical and non-clinical research fellows** to undertake a 12-month research project. The programme has London-based support from Biomedical Research Centres, North Central London Cancer Alliance and South East London Cancer Alliance.

The areas of focus for this year's Fellowship Programme have been aligned to meet the ambitions of the NHS Long Term Plan which include:

1. Early diagnosis,
2. Cancer inequalities, and
3. Personalised care of people living with and beyond cancer.

The posts are open to clinical and non-clinical professionals who do not currently hold a PhD or MD including but not limited to nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, health scientists, clinical research practitioners, analysts and other allied health professionals (registered with the relevant professional body).

Fellowship funding includes salary costs for 12 months to support in gathering preliminary data and work on applications for continuation of funding to external funding bodies. Part time fellowships over a longer period will also be considered at discretion of the supervisor.

Following an initial call to potential supervisors which closed on Monday 30 October 2023, 44 projects have been selected. **We will be funding up to four research fellows for this coming year.**

The full list of research projects, and details of how to apply, are available below.

Closing date for applications is **Monday 18 December 2023.**

For more information, please contact RMPartners.Research@nhs.net or visit [Applications open for pan-London research fellowships - RM Partners](#)

CANCER EDUCATION

TELL US HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CANCER EDUCATION!

FOR INFORMATION

- RM Partners wish to develop a comprehensive package of cancer education to support both clinical and non clinical primary care staff members.
- We would like your feedback to understand the following:
 - How you prefer to access cancer related education
 - What specific cancer topics you would like to receive.
- Your feedback will be important in designing a programme that will best support your cancer education needs.

The survey link for providing your feedback is:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/5OW2ZG/>

RED WHALE CANCER EDUCATION – STILL AVAILABLE!

FOR INFORMATION

- RM Partners are very pleased to confirm that we have extended the availability of the FREE Red Whale Cancer Education Programme via their ON DEMAND services until **January 2025.**
- This comprehensive programme supports PCNs and practices in West London to:
 - Identify early signs of cancer.
 - Work as a team to support people living with cancer, meet PCN DES and QOF / IIF requirements.

WEST LONDON PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION FREE OPPORTUNITIES

| Educational Event | Targeted Audience | Training Dates | How to register / access |
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| <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, 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!</p> | <p>www.gp-update.co.uk/RMP2</p> <p>enter discount code PCCEP21RMP</p> |

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

| Date | Time | Topic | Host (s) | Video recording / joining link |
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| 12th August 2021 | 12:30 – 1:30 | Urology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Urological Cancer & the Pandemic • Prostate Cancer • Bladder Cancer | <p>Dr Abhijit Gill, NWL Primary Care Cancer Clinical Director for RM Partners.</p> <p>Mr Manit Arya, Consultant Urology, Charing Cross Hospital & Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London</p> <p>Mr Giles Hellowell, Consultant Urological Surgeon, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London</p> | 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 | <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 here |
| 14th January 2021 | 12:00 - 1:15 | Haematological Cancers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Referral Management for Haematological Cancers • Case Studies | <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 here |
| 9th February 2022 | 1:00 – 2:00 | Lower GI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Referral Management • FIT | <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 here |

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| | | <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 |

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| | | <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 . |

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