

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

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

1. Urgent Suspected Cancer Referral Forms – a reminder – **All GPs**
2. Temporary pause to cervical and bowel cancer screening SMS reminders – **All practice staff**
3. London Breast Screening Primary Care Engagement Pack – **All practice staff**
4. C the signs – NWL Contract announcement – **All GPs**
5. Community Liver Health Checks (CLHC) - Detecting more hepatocellular carcinomas (liver cancers) early – **All GPs**
6. Parenting with Cancer Conference: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – **All Health Care Professionals**
7. Cervical Screening Assessor / Mentor training dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 2024 -**All Practice Nurses, Physician associates and GPs**
8. Primary care education resource to support urgent suspected cancer referrals - new module now live - Oesophageal cancer – **All GPs**
9. Gateway C – Training resources – **All Practice staff**
10. West London Primary Care education schedule – **all practice staff**

### **URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER REFERRAL FORMS – A REMINDER FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION – **All GPs****

- New Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) Referral forms allowing better capture of important clinical information that supports the urgent referral and investigation process, went live on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.**
- The new referral forms were uploaded to the IT system that you use by NWL IT, borough GP IT Leads or by DXS, they are also available via C the Signs.
- It has been reported that previous versions of the USC referral forms are being used which could include outdated referral criteria – **Please could you ensure that any old forms or templates are removed from your IT system and are no longer used for patient referrals**
- If you encounter problems using the forms, please contact your borough's Cancer / IT lead or NWL IT service desk ([nhsnwl.servicedesk@nhs.net](mailto:nhsnwl.servicedesk@nhs.net)) in the first instance. The forms can also be accessed through the [Transformation Partners in Health and Care website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [england.tcstlondon@nhs.net](mailto:england.tcstlondon@nhs.net).

**Primary Care Actions**

- Delete old forms / templates from your clinical system as these are no longer used for patient referrals.

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

**FOR INFORMATION – 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.



**LONDON BREAST SCREENING PRIMARY CARE ENGAGEMENT PACK**

**FOR INFORMATION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF**

The Primary Care Network DES encourages primary care colleagues to review the uptake of breast cancer programmes and engage with health promotion activities for screening.

The Breast Screening recovery team at NHS England has developed a comprehensive pack (and accompanying one pager summary) to provide GP Practices and PCN staff with information to enable them to better support and signpost patients to accessing breast screening in London. It includes:

- an overview of the London breast screening programme;
- an outline and explanation of the patient pathway for breast screening; and
- key information sent by the London Breast Screening Administrative Hub to general practices

<p><b>London Breast Screening Primary Care Engagement Pack</b></p>	<p> FINAL London Region Breast Screen</p>
<p><b>One pager summary – London Breast Screening Engagement</b></p>	<p> FINAL Poster - London Region Brez</p>

## **C THE SIGNS – NWL CONTRACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

*“Of all the tools we are provided with, I think C the Signs is the most useful, user friendly and is possibly unique in reducing workload.” GP NW London*

- Following a robust procurement process, NW London Integrated Care Board (ICB) has awarded C the Signs with a three-year contract to provide primary care with continuing access to its comprehensive cancer workflow and clinical decision support system.
- C the Signs helps identify patients at risk of cancer, identifying the tumour type and recommending which test, diagnostic or cancer referral is indicated, and allowing you to quickly action these.
- Already used by the majority of practices across NW London, C the Signs has demonstrated a positive impact on cancer detection and has improved clinical and administrative processes.
- NW London are delighted to continue working with C the Signs to deliver on the NHS priority for improving the earlier diagnosis of cancer by supporting practices to improve cancer workflows.
- It is expected that C the Signs will be the recommended platform for Urgent Suspected Cancer referrals and the chosen tool for safety netting and tracking patients referred for suspected cancer within NW London.
- C the Signs has exciting plans for working in partnership with NW London to further improve cancer outcomes in your practice.

*“C the Signs has provided a robust system to risk assess and refer patients with suspected malignancy. I would be lost without it!”  
Admin User, NW London*

## **COMMUNITY LIVER HEALTH CHECKS (CLHC) - DETECTING MORE HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMAS (LIVER CANCERS) EARLY**

### **FOR INFORMATION - ALL GPs**

The NHS Cancer Programme has launched Community Liver Health Checks to detect more hepatocellular carcinomas (HCC), the most common type of liver cancer at an early stage.

**The pilots aim to:**

- **Identify people at high risk of HCC and ensure they are enrolled in surveillance programmes.**
- **Ensure more HCCs are detected earlier so people can benefit from treatment and improve survival rates.**

## Background

- Liver cancer is the fastest-rising cause of cancer death in the UK.
- Around 6,100 people are diagnosed with liver cancers each year.
- Only 19% of liver cancers in England are currently diagnosed at an early stage. Liver cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of any cancer in the UK .
- The biggest risk factor for the development of liver cancer is pre-existing liver disease. This includes cirrhosis or advanced fibrosis, which is primarily caused by:
  - Long term infection with a virus such as hepatitis B or C
  - Excess alcohol consumption
  - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease or Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease
- NICE guidance recommends that people at high risk of liver cancer (those with Hepatitis B and/or cirrhosis) receive 6-monthly liver surveillance by ultrasound.

## Pilot approach

- The National Cancer Programme has partnered with the NHS Hepatitis C Elimination programme and Operational Delivery Networks to offer mobile fibroscans to high-risk populations.
- Anyone with a fibroscan of 11.5kpa will receive a follow up assessment and if appropriate, will be enrolled in HCC surveillance.
- Once referred, patients will be supported to attend their 6-monthly ultrasound scans where their liver health can be monitored.

## Data and evaluation

To date over 44,000 fibroscans have been delivered and 8% (3,691 people) have been referred for liver surveillance.

While these community outreach initiatives have proved effective at finding and treating Hepatitis C, this is the first time it has been trialled for liver cancer. A full evaluation is underway to assess the implementation and impact of the Community Liver Health Check pilots as a way to identify those at high risk of liver cancer.

*Pilot sites include: Bristol and Severn, Cheshire & Merseyside. Greater Manchester & Eastern Cheshire, London- North Central, London- North East and South East, London- South West, North East & Cumbria, Nottingham, Surrey, Sussex, West Yorkshire, Birmingham, Humberside and North Yorkshire, Lancashire and South Cumbria, Leicester, South West Peninsula, West London, Wessex (HELIXR) and Thames Valley.*



## PARENTING WITH CANCER CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024, 9 - 5PM**

**11 CAVENDISH SQUARE, W1G 0AN**

### **FOR INFORMATION - ALL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

- The first ever 'Parenting with Cancer' conference is an opportunity to learn about the specific needs that surround a parent living with cancer.
- Expect expert talks, parent voices, and a community rich environment.
- Topics will include:
  - Talking to children about cancer, incurable, inherited and end of life;
  - Supporting children emotionally and practically;
  - Life as family when a parent has cancer;
  - Life outside of the family;
  - Parenting in palliative care;
  - Self-care;
  - Best practices.
- For more information, please see poster and agenda below.
- If you have any queries about this event, please contact Caroline Leek at [caroline@fruitflycollective.com](mailto:caroline@fruitflycollective.com)
- Tickets can also be booked via this link <https://buytickets.at/fruitflycollective/1059526>

<b>Parenting with Cancer Conference Agenda</b>	 PARENTING WITH CANCER CONFEREN
<b>Information Poster</b>	 Poster_agenda_Mar ch.pdf

## 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](http://www.lrctc.org.uk)

## PRIMARY CARE EDUCATION RESOURCE TO SUPPORT URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER REFERRALS

### NEW MODULE NOW LIVE - OESOPHAGEAL 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 **seven** 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 [Oesophageal Cancer](#)
  - [Head and Neck cancer](#)
  - [Pancreatic training module.](#)
  - [Lung Cancer training module.](#)
  - [Myeloma training module.](#)
  - [Oral cancer](#)
  - [Oesophageal Cancer](#)
- The remaining modules listed below will be released before summer 2024.
  - Brain and Central Nervous System cancer
  - Ovarian cancer

## GATEWAY C – TRAINING RESOURCES

### FOR INFORMATION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF

- GatewayC are sharing their free cancer early diagnosis resources to support clinicians detect prostate, brain, colorectal, and ovarian cancer.
- Their resources are aimed to ensure clinician confidence in identifying, referring and supporting patients with symptoms of suspected cancer. Free CPD available.
- Access the courses below:
  - [Prostate Cancer](#)

- [Brain Tumour](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer](#)
- [Ovarian Cancer](#)

## 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 Diagnosis Resources</b></p> <p><a href="#">Gateway C</a> have released training modules to support primary care staff in effectively assessing and managing patients with symptoms potentially indicative of <a href="#">Prostate Cancer</a>, <a href="#">Brain Tumour</a>, <a href="#">Colorectal Cancer</a> and <a href="#">Ovarian Cancer</a> and recognising patients who are most at risk.</p>	<p>All relevant primary care staff</p>	<p>On Demand training.</p>	<p><a href="#">Prostate Cancer</a> <a href="#">Brain Tumour</a> <a href="#">Colorectal Cancer</a> <a href="#">Ovarian Cancer</a></p>
<p><b>Early Cancer diagnosis training modules – South East London Cancer Alliance (SELCA)</b></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>• Oral Cancer</li> <li>• Oesophageal cancer *new*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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><a href="#">Head and Neck cancer</a> <a href="#">Pancreatic training module.</a> <a href="#">Lung Cancer training module.</a> <a href="#">Myeloma training module.</a> <a href="#">Oral cancer</a> <a href="#">Oesophageal 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>

<b>Cancer Conversations: Cancer in an Ageing Population</b>  <a href="#">Gateway C</a>	All GPs	<b>Free on demand</b>	<a href="#">Cancer in an Ageing Population - GatewayC</a>
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**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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