

Cancer SMART (Severe Mental Illness Access and Rapid Treatment)

Cancer SMART (Severe Mental Illness Access and Rapid Treatment) is an innovative pilot service funded by RM Partners to tackle mental health inequalities in cancer diagnostics and treatment. Our multi-disciplinary team at St George's Hospital is working to:

- Proactively identify patients with severe mental illness who are referred on 2ww cancer pathways
- Align hospital, primary care and community mental health teams to collaboratively support patients accessing diagnostics and treatment
- Provide advice and consultation to clinicians re engagement and reducing barriers for these patients
- Directly engage with patients and carers to facilitate access
- Design an educational strategy to upskill staff across hospital, primary care and community mental health settings in supporting with these patients

<https://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk/service/cancer-services/cancer-smart-severe-mental-illness-access-and-rapid-treatment/>

We need your help- please see how you can contribute to this innovative project below:

- Please complete this 2 minute survey on the challenges you face supporting these patients and the training and resources you need in primary care:
[Cancer SMART Survey for Staff Supporting Patients on a 2ww Pathway and Beyond – Fill in form](#)
- Please consider joining a 10-20 minute call to share your views and experiences – email Hannah.may@stgeorges.nhs.uk to arrange
- If it aligns with interests/training needs, we can offer further opportunities for involvement in steering groups, resource production and design/delivering of teaching

Benefits of involvement include:

- Opportunity to influence educational strategy output for an innovative project reducing mental health inequalities in cancer care
- Access to training materials and resources via online platform that will be freely available to primary care clinicians
- Access to live simulation training at St George's hospital