

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

2nd June 2025

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

1. Primary Care Cancer Conference – 18th September 2025
2. Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) in the Lower Gastrointestinal (GI) pathway - 24/25 final position

PRIMARY CARE CANCER CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025

09:00 – 16:00

**STAMFORD BRIDGE CONFERENCE CENTRE (CHELSEA
FOOTBALL CLUB)**

FOR INFORMATION - ALL GPs AND PRACTICE STAFF

We are pleased to invite primary care clinical colleagues to our annual Primary Care Cancer Conference on Thursday 18th September 2025 which will focus on:

- Improving early cancer diagnosis
- The role of prevention in reducing cancer risk

Reserve your space now:

Hear from key NHS leaders about emerging strategy, both nationally and locally, to improve early cancer diagnosis and outcomes.

Learn about how we have been working with GP practices in Brent and Croydon to improve early cancer diagnosis through our landmark quality improvement scheme.

Understand the role of preventative care and what new exciting initiatives and treatments are available in diagnosing and managing patients with cancer.

Meet with charities, community organisations and screening health promotion teams to understand their role in working with communities around cancer prevention, screening and signposting.

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FAECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL TESTING (FIT) IN THE LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) PATHWAY - 24/25 FINAL POSITION

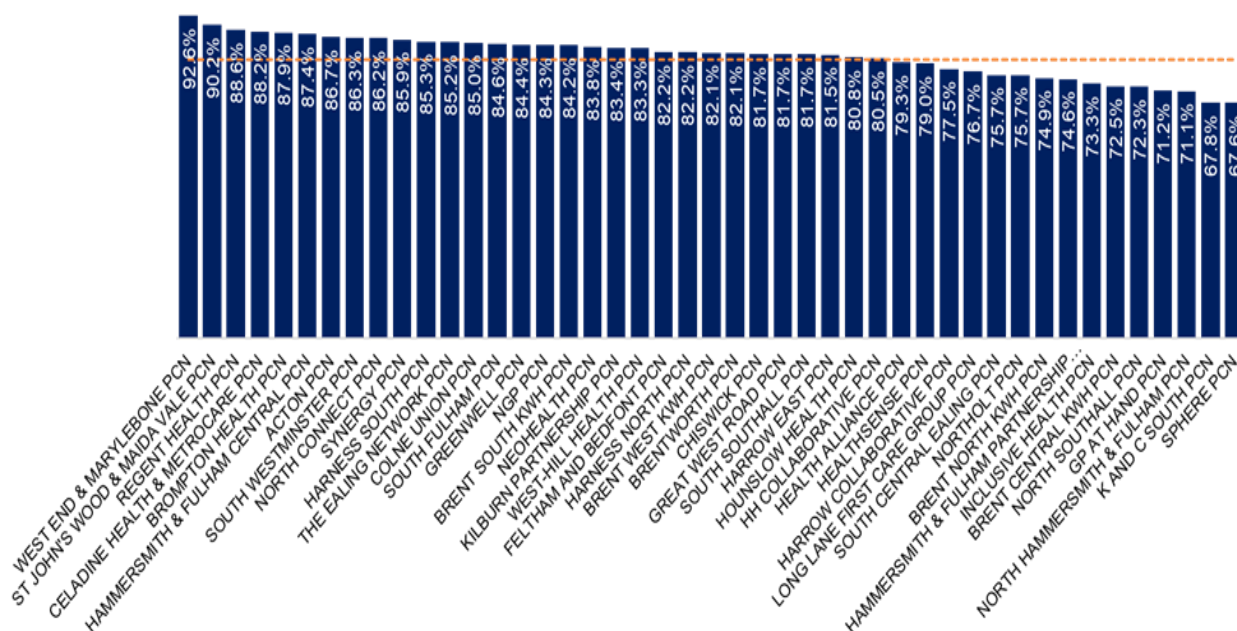
FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION - ALL GPs

As you will know comprehensive use of FIT in NG12 patients is critical to improving bowel cancer survival in England, ensuring patients on the lower GI pathway can be diagnosed promptly and using available colonoscopy capacity in the most effective way.

For 2024/25, FIT testing was included in the Investment and Impact Fund (IIF) for PCN delivery as well as the PCN Network DES for Early Cancer Diagnosis:

CAN 04: The proportion of patients who have had a lower GI Urgent who have had a lower gastrointestinal urgent suspected cancer referral in the reporting year, where at least one urgent suspected cancer referral was accompanied by a faecal immunochemical test result, with the result recorded in the twenty-one days leading up to the referral. (Upper threshold Target 80% for maximum 22 points)

As at the end of March 2025, FIT compliance for NWL is **81.1%** with individual PCN positions as below:



FIT Compliance continues to be a priority for 2025/26

- The attached document provides practices and PCNs with:
 - o Guidance for practices on the efficacy of using FIT to support lower GI referral for Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC)
 - o Best practice for maximising patient completion of FIT kits (Accuryx)

- **FIT educational resources for primary care and resources available to support patients** (including videos and leaflets in different languages.)

Please note that Bowel Cancer UK are delivering some education to support early diagnosis:

[Bowel Cancer UK: Supporting primary care to deliver earlier diagnosis for suspected bowel cancer patients - Thurs 19th June 2025 - 6:30 - 7:30pm](#)

For any further queries/support, please contact your placed based clinical lead:

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**FIT Compliance – final outcome for
2024/25**



FIT Compliance 24.25
Final position NWL.pc