

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

6th October 2025

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

MAXIMISING EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS

- 1. NEW Gastrointestinal (GI) Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) Stratified Pathway Implementation - Guidance for Primary Care - All practice staff**

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2. FREE systemic discrimination and reducing inequalities sessions – All practice staff**

NEW GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER (USC) STRATIFIED PATHWAY IMPLEMENTATION – GUIDANCE FOR PRIMARY CARE

FOR INFORMATION – ALL PRACTICE STAFF

As you will know, Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) compliance continues to be a priority for prompt diagnosis of bowel cancer during 2025/26.

NHS England aims to reduce the number of patients referred on the LGI USC pathway with no FIT or FIT test results below 10 µg Hb/g - where a FIT result <10 µg Hb/g indicates very low risk of colorectal cancer (<0.1%) - and recommend safety-netting patients with FIT <10 in primary care.

RM Partners have developed the '*Urgent Suspected Cancer: Combined Gastrointestinal Triage Algorithm*' including a new FIT<10 pathway, with input from clinical experts across north west and south west London, to support effective, standardised nurse-led triage using the FIT result and other symptoms to appropriately risk-stratify patients, ensuring they receive suitable diagnostic investigations.

The letter and accompanying guidance for primary care provides more detail for primary care on the new pathway which is as follows:

- FIT ≥10** → Refer via lower GI USC pathway
- FIT <10 + persistent symptoms** → Reassess in primary care or seek specialist advice (via Advice and Guidance) if other symptoms of cancer consider non-specific site USC referral.
- FIT <10 + resolved symptoms** → Provide advice and safety netting.

NEW Gastrointestinal (GI) Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) Stratified Pathway Letter	 NEW Gastrointestinal (GI)
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FREE SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION AND REDUCING INEQUALITIES SESSIONS

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[RM Partners NW & SW London Cancer Alliance](#) are delighted to launch the CPD Accredited Addressing Systemic Discrimination and Reducing Inequalities Across the Cancer Pathway development sessions delivered by [Health Innovation Network South London](#) and [brap](#). All GP Practice staff in NWL and SWL are eligible to attend - Please book your place using the links below.

The sessions will:

- Support Participants to be more aware of systemic discrimination
- Helping participants to explore how they might improve the healthcare experience outcomes for their patients
- Explore the role that participants can play in taking action to reduce inequalities

****Lunch will be provided and these sessions are CPD accredited****

Each session has space for a maximum of 40 attendees. Please book ASAP and by 15th Oct 2025 to secure your place. If you have any additional needs or requests please email nate.hill1@nhs.net

Please note, these sessions will be delivered in person (not online).

Book your place at one of the sessions below

Date	Time	Location	Booking Link
21 st October 2025	09:00 - 13:30	OPEN EALING Unit 14, School Lane, Dickens Yard W5 2TD	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1556658089249?aff=oddtcreator
23 rd October 2025		PSC building 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1556670666869?aff=oddtcreator

If you have any queries on these sessions, please contact nate.hill1@nhs.net.

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