

## NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update 31 May 2022

### 1 C the Signs Evaluation: for GPs in Newham, Waltham Forest, Barking & Dagenham, Havering, and Redbridge

Following the evaluation of the C the Signs (CTS) pilot, the decision has been made to not commission the tool by the clinical leads and Cancer Boards and therefore C the Signs will no longer be funded centrally. The contract will come to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The decision is based on the following rationale:

- Inconclusive evidence that CTS leads to improved early diagnosis of cancer, though the tool has useful functionality
- Variation in uptake and usage across GP Practices
- Value for money

The North East London ICS digital programme is currently standardising digital tools across all primary care GP practices to allow all practices to have access to the same tools. They are reviewing current options and are supporting the evaluation of modules from Ardens and CEG, amongst others, that are currently possible to scale up to all practices to support the PCN DES requirements.

We appreciate that you may be concerned about losing C the Signs, and may consider funding this yourself but before you commit, we would like to make you aware of that as North East London moves away from C the signs there will be no dedicated administrative and IT support ensuring that the system remains up to date with the latest local referral forms and local pathways such as direct access diagnostics (TCST will continue to ensure pan London forms are accessible).

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your GP Cancer Clinical Lead.

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In place of C the Signs please see below a range of cancer support tools for managing cancer referrals:

- **Clinical decision-making tools** produced by Gateway C cancer maps and Cancer Research UK
  - [How to use Gateway C Cancer maps?](#)
  - [nice\\_desk\\_easel\\_interactive\\_march\\_2020.pdf \(cancerresearchuk.org\)](#)
- **Up to date urgent suspected cancer referral forms**
  - For EMIS practices, CEG have developed a shortcut key for practices to access the most up-to-date suspected cancer referral forms. *Find*

out how to install and use the shortcut key in this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G3P56jgrPc>

- For practices with Resource Publisher, the most up-to-date suspected cancer referral forms are on the RP Platform
- For all practices, the most up-to-date suspected cancer referral forms can be found on the healthy London Partnership website: [Pan-London suspected cancer referral forms - Healthy London Partnership Partnership](#)

- **Safety Netting** applications

- [How to use the electronic safety netting tool kit in EMIS web?](#)
- [Safety netting for System One practices](#)
- For practices that use ARDENS, there are safety netting tools for both EMIS Web and SystemOne
  - [Fast Track Safety Netting Tools: Ardens EMIS Web](#)
  - [Referral Safety Netting Letter: Ardens SystemOne](#)
  - [Cancer 2ww Referrals & Safety Netting: Ardens SystemOne](#)

- **Direct Access Pathways**

- GP Matrix - Local direct access diagnostics pathways
- For EMIS practices, there are EMIS Direct Access Recall Templates

C the Signs will contact you in due course to discuss the exit plan and we look forward to supporting practices during this process.

## 2 Bowel screening text reminders

Bowel screening text reminders have been fully rolled out across London. Please can practices consent to endorsing the programme so that this endorsement can continue on the written comms and be included in the SMS. Please see GP comms below, sent on behalf of NHSE/I.

Dear GP/Practice Manager

### **Implementation of Bowel Screening Text Reminders in London (Action Required)**

Following a successful pilot across fifty practices and all three clinical systems, I am pleased to confirm that NHSEI (London Region) and the London Bowel Screening Hub, in collaboration with iPLATO, started introducing bowel screening text reminders from w/c 25 April 2022. Text reminders will be sent to individuals who do not return the FIT testing kit after 6 weeks. Mobile phone numbers will be extracted from the NHS Patient Demographic Service database (PDS/Spine).

Thank you to all practices that have responded to the request to endorse the bowel screening programme. To date, 52% of practices (637/1222) have agreed to endorse the NHS Bowel Screening Programme via text and letter. There is [strong evidence](#) that primary care endorsement of cancer screening can increase uptake by 2-3% and is more effective in groups with lower uptake.

The GP endorsed text reminder will be worded as follows:

Your bowel screening test is due. <Your GP practice name> recommends screening to patients of your age. Please call 0800 707 6060 for further information. If you recently returned a kit, please ignore this message. Info at <https://nhs.uk/bowel>. Privacy notice at: [mygp.me/CS-privacy](https://mygp.me/CS-privacy)

The GP-endorsed letter will have the following banner:

Your GP Practice <GP Practice name> support the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

**NHSE London is encouraging practices to support this simple, but effective intervention by completing the actions below:**

- Sign-up by following this link <https://consent.mygp.com/london-bowel-screening-programme/>
- Via the link above,
  - Consent to GP endorsement of the bowel screening programme. This endorsement will appear in the invitation letter and text reminder
  - Confirm the practice name to appear in the endorsement
  - Consent to READ coding of the text delivery status in the patient's clinical record (see Figure 1):

**Figure 1: Read codes-Bowel screening text message delivery status**

Read Code: 864231000000108 Term: Failed encounter - short message service text message delivery failure Text: Bowel screening SMS
Read Code: 279991000000102 Term: Short message service text message sent to patient Text: Bowel screening SMS.

If you have any queries, please email [hub@iplato.com](mailto:hub@iplato.com).

### 3 Bowel screening age extension

We have now expanded the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme to 58-year-olds in London, as set out in the attached letter.

### 4 Support for PCN DES

We are working on defining the support that will be provided for primary care for the PCN DES and more information will be provided in future updates.

In the meantime, advice on the PCN DES can be accessed via the [Cancer Research UK webpages](#) and the NHSE guidance is [here](#).

If you have any queries or need further support, please email [nelondon.nelcanceralliance@nhs.net](mailto:nelondon.nelcanceralliance@nhs.net)

## 5 Jo's Trust Cervical Training for non-clinical staff

Jo's Trust is providing cervical cancer prevention training in June. Sessions will be held virtually for 1.5 hours and are aimed at non-clinical GP practice staff, non-clinical administrators, receptionists, and other primary care staff (e.g., social prescribers).

Places are free. A full list of dates and details on how to book is on the [Jo's Trust Eventbrite booking page](#).

## 6 Cervical screening guidance for call and recall

Please note below from [Cervical screening: guidance for call and recall administration best practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The results of a non-NHS screening test must not be recorded in an individual's NHS screening record. Historic non-NHS test results may appear in a screening record if they were provided to the call and recall service and recorded prior to 2020.

Individuals who have a non-NHS test remain eligible for NHS screening at the appropriate programme screening intervals. Where an individual responds to an NHS screening invitation, the sample taker should ensure that there has been an interval of at least 3 months since any previous cytology sample was taken.

If an individual has an abnormal non-NHS test that necessitates a follow-up test or colposcopy referral, this may be offered privately or by the NHS following a primary care consultation and referral.

Individuals requiring surveillance or follow-up tests after non-NHS screening or treatment who are referred back to the NHS remain eligible for NHS recalls in accordance with the NHS management protocol. NHS screening records may therefore appear incomplete if the screening laboratory or colposcopy service advises one or more non-routine recalls following unrecorded non-NHS activity.

## 7 Targeted Lung Health Check

Targeted Lung Health Check (TLHC) is a free MOT of the lungs for people aged between 55-74, who are current smokers or who have smoked, and is by invite only.

We are piloting this in north east London in Barking and Dagenham and Tower Hamlets (based on smoking data). The programme is on track to go live from July onwards. We are in the process of confirming the exact locations of the scanners as well as the patient pathway.

Engagement is taking place with primary care, as well as Healthwatch, Public Health, local authorities and community and voluntary organisations.

The attached slide pack provides more information.

## 8 LGBTQ training: Equitable Care in Early Detection and Diagnosis of Cancer - webinar for primary care staff

Live Through This, the UK's only LGBTIQ+ cancer charity, recently provided training to support primary care staff in confidently dealing with the needs of LGBT+ patients and facilitating their access to cancer pathways.

A recording of the training session can be viewed on our You Tube channel here: <https://youtu.be/GsXG4IRcXyY>

## 9 Population Awareness Project

To improve public awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer, North East London CCG has commissioned Community Links to work with local community groups across our boroughs.

They are delivering local events and sessions tailored to increase knowledge of specific cancers and raise awareness of cancer signs and symptoms, as well as the national screening programmes for bowel, breast and cervical. Some of the events they are involved in is shown below.

Borough	Organisation/Event	Event date	Number of people outreached
Tower Hamlets	Festival of Communities	12th June	
	Neighbours in Poplar - Health Day	22nd July	
Newham	Regen Hub Launch at Trinity Centre	21st May	82
	RDLAC - Afternoon Tea - St Johns Green	1st June	
	MAUK The Platinum Mela - MAUK	3rd June	
Waltham Forest	Afro Caribbean Elders' Association (ACEA)	16th of May	38
	The 'Mile Long Street Party' in Walthamstow	5th June	

## 10 For more information

Web: <https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/aboutus/north-east-london-cancer-alliance.htm>

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