

Practical Support and Guidance for delivering the Early Diagnosis PCN DES across North East London

This document sets out local programs and initiatives that can support you with the requirements in the DES. This document should be used in conjunction with the NHSE support pack published in March 2022. [B1357 PCN-ECD-Guidance-SUPPORT-PACK-FINAL March-2022.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

The CRUK GP Contract Hub has key information about the new requirements, including a summary on what GPs and PCNs need to do for 2022/23 and ideas on how to get started. You will find evidence-based practical resources, case studies and more to support you. [Delivering the Primary Care Network \(PCN\) service specification on early cancer diagnosis 2022/23 | Cancer Research UK](#)

DES Ref.	Requirement	IFF	Information and guidance available in NEL
8.5.1	A PCN is required to:		
a	Review referral practice for suspected and recurrent cancers, and work with their community of practice to identify and implement specific actions to improve referral practice, particularly among people from disadvantaged areas where early diagnosis rates are lower.		<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCN Dashboard launched in 2021 and includes 12 indicators for early cancer diagnosis. Click the link to register for access to the PCN dashboard. Register NHS England applications (model.nhs.uk) • Fingertips PHE data (latest data 2020/21) – here • Undertake an audit of routes to diagnosis for people who have received a cancer diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) Cancer patient analysis trigger tool - EMIS only for now (due out later in 2022) – Local tool developed to review recent cancer diagnosis within practice to reflect on any avoidable delays in patient diagnosis – available across NEL. ○ NCDA patient proforma and NCDA data collection template • Review 2ww referral data for a specific tumour group, and review practice for any with very low/high referral rates • Undertake Learning event analysis where a cancer diagnosis was made through an emergency presentation or diagnosed at a late stage (stage 3-4), to identify areas of good practice and areas where improvements can be made and share learning. Template available here

- information to patients re: the 2ww process – 2ww leaflets in different languages available (soon to be updated)
[Pan London suspected cancer referrals - patient information leaflets - Healthy London Partnership](#)
- Up to date 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](#)
- Safety netting systems review - have a consistent approach in monitoring following up patients who have been referred urgently, sent for urgent diagnostics and following up of worrying symptoms.
 - Use Electronic safety netting toolkit/ local template with SNOMED code embedded if not code 'cancer safety netting' (= SNOMED code 1239431000000107)
 - [CRUK safety netting workbook](#)
 - [Safety netting in primary care consultations - Macmillan Cancer Support](#)
 - CEG Cancer prevalent improvement search can be used to identify patients who have been missed.
- Gateway C Module 'Improving the quality of your referral' Encourage practice staff to complete the free module [here](#)

<p>b</p>	<p>Work with local system partners to agree the PCN's contribution to local efforts to improve uptake in cervical and bowel NHS Cancer Screening Programmes and follow-up on non-responders to invitations. This must build on any existing actions across the PCN's Core Network Practices and include at least one specific action to engage a group with low participation locally</p>	<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEG Dashboards have data at PCN/practice level, as well as for LD, SMI, homeless patients and different ethnicities and are available here <i>Username: CEGdashboards; Password: NELh3@lth</i> • CEG searches: Cancer screening V3 searches recall letters for Bowel, Breast and Cervical, for additional support contact your primary care facilitator at CEG. • Bowel screening kit request form for practices to request kits on behalf of patients who are vulnerable or unable to self-request can be found here for more information contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHS Bowel Cancer screening Health improvement specialist leena.khagram@nhs.net for Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and City & Hackney ○ NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Health Improvement specialist phillippa.hickey1@nhs.net for Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospital NHS Trust • IPLATO Bowel screening text reminders - Sign-up by following this link https://consent.mygp.com/london-bowel-screening-programme/ • NEL Cervical guide to improving the uptake of cervical screening in primary care can be found here • NEL Bowel guide to improving NHS bowel cancer screening uptake in primary care can be found here • CRUK Bowel Cancer screening resources can be found here • Information for patients with learning Disabilities and autism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://northeastlondonccg.nhs.uk/your-health/learning-disabilities-and-autism/cancer-screening/
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c	Work with its Core Network Practices to adopt and embed:		
i	the requesting of FIT tests where appropriate for patients being referred for suspected colorectal cancer	CAN-01	<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2ww lower GI referrals to be accompanied by a FIT test where appropriate, received either one week prior to the referral or in the two weeks after for IIF payment. To code FIT test automatically, associate SNOMED code with incoming FIT results, instructions can be found here

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage patient uptake of FIT, make sure patient is aware of the importance of urgency of returning kit - send text message reminder via AccuRx with links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patient information leaflet in 12 languages found here (bottom half of page) ○ Fit animation in various languages found here ○ CRUK FIT Infographic found here • Consider auditing 2ww LGI referrals and look at percentage of referrals where FIT test was done – CEG has a support search for patients referred for 2WW lower GI with a FIT, this can be found in the IIF folder under CEG. • Audit and Review Safety netting processes to ensure FIT test is returned and safety netting for symptomatic patients with a negative result. • New BSG guidelines on how to use FIT here
ii	where available and appropriate, the use of teledermatology to support skin cancer referrals	<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gateway C team are pleased to announce that we have a new course 'Skin Cancer – Early Diagnosis' available to all healthcare professionals on GatewayC. <p>TNW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermatoscope 2ww skin cancer pilot - To obtain the dermatoscope and/or join the pilot send an expression of interest email to nazmul.hussain1@nhs.net and lfeoma.oyelami@nhs.net. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure coded correctly when using dermatoscope image with 2ww, the EMIS read code to be used is 8Hlo (Referral to teledermatology service) SNOMED code = 836201000000101

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link to the online webinar training is: TNW Dermatology Teaching Series - Dermatoscope Teaching - 04 Oct 21 - YouTube <p>C&H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit use of teledermatology – C&H referral pathway here <p>BHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> project in development
d	focusing on prostate cancer, and informed by data provided by the local Cancer Alliance, develop and implement a plan to increase the proactive and opportunistic assessment of patients for a potential cancer diagnosis in population cohorts where referral rates have not recovered to their pre-pandemic baseline		<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway C course on how to counsel patients who request a PSA request - here Raise awareness of those at higher risk – FH, Black-African, Older men – amongst clinicians and patients NEL Cancer Alliance are working on a project to identify possible ‘missing’ prostate cancer patients. More information to follow.
e	review use of their non-specific symptoms (NSS) pathways, identifying opportunities and taking appropriate actions to increase referral activity		<p>All Boroughs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multidisciplinary Rapid Access Clinic (Barts MDRAC), 2ww service for people with non-specific symptoms that could indicate cancer - information here Rapid Diagnostic Clinic (BHRUT RDC) if you would like to discuss a patient prior to referral, or would like any further information, email: bhrut.rapiddiagnosticcentre@nhs.net – more information here CRUK resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NICE (NG12) symptom reference guide infographic found here NICE (NG12) interactive desk easel found here

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway C – NG12 mind maps found here <p>C&H</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review practice use of direct access CT chest abdo pelvis – pathway here For patients >50y with persistent unexplained weight loss
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Current NEL Campaigns

<p><i>It's Not a Game</i> NEL wide out of home and social media campaign focusing on lung, prostate, Upper GI and colorectal at various times in the year.</p>	PM: Sherrice Weekes sherriceweekes@nhs.net
<p><i>Muslim Sisterhood</i> NEL wide out of home and social media campaign focusing on increasing awareness of cervical cancer in young, Muslim women.</p>	PM: Sherrice Weekes sherriceweekes@nhs.net
<p><i>No Time for Cancer</i> NEL wide breast screening out of home and targeted paid social media campaign. Call to action is to make an appointment when they receive an invitation letter.</p>	PM: Jake Chambers jake.chambers@nhs.net
<p><i>Best for My Chest</i> NEL wide – focus on breast screening awareness for LGBTQ+ people. This has not launched yet.</p>	PM: Jake Chambers jake.chambers@nhs.net

Resources		
North East London Cancer Alliance	nelondon.nelcanceralliance@nhs.net	Group Mailbox
Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG)	k.d.bhuruth@qmul.ac.uk	Karishma Bhuruth
PCN cancer facilitator	Lubna.patel6@nhs.net	Lubna Patel
Barking and Dagenham GP Cancer Lead	Kanika.raai@nhs.net	Kanika Rai
Havering GP Cancer Lead	maurice.sanomi-havccg@nhs.net	Maurice Sanomi
Redbridge GP Cancer Lead	jyoti.sood-redccg@nhs.net	Jyoti Sood

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