

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update

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1 CEG Cancer Toolkit Webinar

CEG recently hosted a NEL wide webinar to introduce the CEG Cancer Toolkit.

- You can now [view the slides](#) on their website.
- The webinar recording has been uploaded to their [Webinars](#) page and shared via their e-bulletin. [You can sign up for this here](#).
- Details of the Cancer Toolkit and where to find each element are also in the [Resources](#) section of their website.
- The Dashboards page has a hidden URL and requires a password: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/blizard/ceg/dashboards/> Username: CEGdashboards Password: NELh3@lth
- If you haven't downloaded the Cancer Diagnosis Audit Tool yet, [request it here](#) and contact your local CEG facilitator for support if you need it.

2 CRUK skin cancer guide

Cancer Research UK has updated the skin cancer guide for health professionals, which highlights key considerations to support the recognition and referral of suspected skin cancer. Download the [skin cancer guide](#) now.

3 Launch of Best for my Chest breast screening campaign for the LGBTIQ+ community

We have launched a new campaign that aims to positively impact the understanding and attendance of breast cancer screening in the LGBTIQ+ community.

The Best For My Chest campaign is a joint project between Live Through This, the UK's only LGBTIQ+ cancer charity, and North East London Cancer Alliance. This eye-catching campaign features people from the LGBTIQ+ community, both in front of and behind the camera, to bring it to life and deliver its lifesaving messaging.

Visit our campaign [webpages](#) to see more information and watch our [video](#) to hear from our LGBTIQ+ champions.

4 London Bowel Screening Campaign

NHS London has [launched a campaign](#) to reduce inequalities and increase the uptake of bowel cancer screening in London. This campaign, “*Your next poo could save your life*”, will make an important contribution to the prevention and early diagnosis of bowel cancer.

Please can you promote the campaign in your practice through the following:

- Sharing the NHS London campaign website www.healthylondon.org/bcs with practice staff
- Using the resources, including posters, videos and banners that are available here: <https://www.healthylondon.org/bcs/resources/>
- Sharing messages about the campaign with your professional and patient networks and via social media:
<https://twitter.com/NHSEnglandLDN/status/1556959779456798720>
- Playing this campaign [animation](#) on the practice waiting room screens where possible. (The animation is sub titled in different languages.)

If you have any queries, please contact:

Josephine.ruwende@nhs.net or emma.burns@nhs.net

5 Community Links bowel cancer screening project update: calling non-responders (for Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest GPs only)

In July 2021, North East London CCG instigated a project to increase bowel cancer screening rates with Community Links, a London-based charity:

<https://www.community-links.org/health/>

The project is now targeting non-responders, and this will allow practices in Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest to have additional support and first-hand experience of the best practice evidence from across London. This will support your practice with the early diagnosis service requirement with the PCN DES to improve screening uptake.

Community links are contacting eligible non-responding patients from 21 October directly to encourage and support them to take up bowel screening. They will telephone the patients using trained bilingual health advocates and order repeat kits for those who wish to take part but don't have a kit.

They will also require you to perform repeat searches after the phone calls have been completed to monitor the response to screening.

If you have already signed up to the project, Community Links will be in touch with you about the new cohort of patients.

If you are not signed up and would like to take participate, please contact Farzana Begum, Community Links Project officer by email to farzana.begum@community-links.org or telephone 07931 338384.

6 Network Contract DES: removal of the mandatory shared decision-making training requirement

On 26 September 2022, Amanda Doyle, National Director, Primary Care and Community Services wrote to primary care networks (PCNs) and GP practices to outline immediate steps being taken for [Supporting general practice, primary care networks and their teams through winter and beyond](#), this included [changes to the Network Contract DES](#).

One of the changes outlined was the removal of the personalised care mandatory requirement from 1 October 2022 for all clinical staff to undertake the Personalised Care Institute's [e-learning refresher training](#) for shared decision making (SDM) conversations.

The training requirement was removed to assist with primary care network clinical staff capacity. The second part of the SDM specification on Quality Audits has not been altered.

7 Personalised Stratified Follow Up for Cancer Patients (PSFU): Remote Monitoring System Update (Barts Update)

Acute Trusts have been working for some time to implement Stratified Follow Up for Cancer patients; Barts Health has made significant progress with the Breast Open Access service over the years and continues to move forward now with more remote follow up for both Colorectal and Prostate follow up patients – eligible patients are increasingly seen in Nurse Led telephone follow up clinics.

NHS England now requires Trusts to implement digital monitoring of this cohort of patients, to ensure increased safety netting. As part of that process Barts Health, in line with other NEL Trusts, have installed a bolt on to the Somerset Cancer Registry – RMS (Remote Monitoring System).

This will allow an improved ability to track eligible patients, post treatment, to ensure all surveillance tests are conducted and reviewed in a timely fashion, with less hospital appointments just for “good news” and rapid access to outpatients and clinical teams as required.

If a patient is referred to the Barts Health Remote Monitoring Service, a typical pathway would involve an End of Treatment Clinic session with a Clinical Nurse Specialist – at which point a Treatment Summary and end of Treatment Holistic Needs Assessment conducted.

The appointment would be utilised to explain the RMS process to the patient and ensure they are familiar with any symptoms the clinical team want to be informed of and the expected follow up protocol. The patient will then receive a “welcome” letter; followed by a “reminder” letter for the first surveillance test – shortly followed by a “results” letter.

This will repeat until the programme of follow up is complete and the patient is discharged to primary care – which is the final letter. GPs will be copied into all correspondence, with a separate dedicated letter to the GP at the point of discharge. At any point during the process the patient can be transferred back into regular follow up if required.

Please note there isn't any action required by GPs as patients will remain under secondary care follow-up – until they are discharged.

As the RMS system goes live over the next few weeks, we expect to start to add Prostate and Colorectal patients. Initial numbers will be small, to ensure all working as expected and then we expect to ramp up over the coming months/year, with additional tumour groups coming on board further on. As such, you may start to see RMS related correspondence and we hope this email goes some way to help give context.

If you have any queries or comments, please contact Avril van der Loo (avrilvanderloo@nhs.net), Barts Health Personalised Cancer Care Lead.

8 Womb cancer awareness campaign

We're looking for women in north east London, aged 45 or over from Black African, Black Caribbean, or South Asian communities for a focus group on 17 November 2022 to discuss a womb cancer awareness campaign. For more info email sherriceweekes@nhs.net or visit <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/womb-cancer-awareness-campaign>

9 The Targeted Lung Health Check programme: update for Barking & Dagenham

We have now scanned over [500 residents in Barking & Dagenham](#), which is a fantastic start to the programme and uptake has been high.

As a reminder, 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 ever smoked, and is by invite only. We are piloting this in Barking & Dagenham and are planning to provisionally go live in Tower Hamlets later this year, with an additional borough next year.

You can view the patient pathway [here](#).

Data Sharing Agreements

GPs in Barking and Dagenham and Tower Hamlets have been sent separately more detailed communications on the process, including Data Sharing Agreements.

Many thanks to GPs in Barking and Dagenham and Tower Hamlets who have signed up already. If you haven't done so yet, **please sign up to the data sharing agreement, all documents are ready for you to sign in the Data Controller Console (DCC). This is so we can start inviting patients.** If you require any further support with signing up and using the DCC please visit <https://app.datacontroller.org.uk/learning> and <https://app.datacontroller.org.uk/learning/downloadDocument?documentId=26aa0fbd-e4f8-48ef-bfca-ced47791d5d7>

More information and contact details

To contact the InHealth Support Desk email for GP ISA queries, please email: supportdesk@health-intelligence.com

For further information, email the Targeted Lung Health Check Team at nelondon.lungcheck@nhs.net or visit our [web pages](#).

10 Jo's Trust Cervical Cancer Training Sessions

We continue working with Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust to bring non-clinical staff [free online training sessions](#) on cervical health. The aim is to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of cervical screening, HPV and the vaccine. Social prescribers, care co-ordinators and HCAs are also welcome to participate in the training.

Sign up now:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cervical-cancer-prevention-training-jos-trust-tickets-406136604517>

If you (or a colleague) sign up and are no longer able to attend, please make sure you cancel the booking so that someone else can attend.

11 Launch of National Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2022

The national Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) asks for feedback from cancer patients (16 years and over), to inform and improve local cancer services across England.

Those who were treated for cancer as an inpatient or day-case, and left hospital in April, May or June 2022, will be invited to take part in the survey. **Questionnaires are being sent out by post to people chosen to take part in the survey from 17 November 2022.**

For more information on the survey please visit our [National Cancer Patient Experience](#) webpage.

12 Quality of Life Survey

Latest results show us that people diagnosed with cancer rate their quality of life quite highly (74.3/100) but slightly below that of the general population (81.8/100). NHS England is working with Cancer Alliances to identify areas of support that can be put in place to help close this gap. Read more on our [web page](#).

13 For more information

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