

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update January 2023

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1 2ww referral forms

We can now confirm that the new forms have now gone live **as of Tuesday 31 January 2023**.

The new referral forms have been uploaded to the IT system that you use. The forms can also be accessed through the [Transformation Partners in Health and Care website](#).

The [Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) includes information addressing common queries regarding the forms, including ways to avoid common technical problems.

It is important that you only use the new, updated USC referral forms after 31 January 2023. Please could you ensure that any old forms or templates are removed from your IT system and are no longer used for patient referrals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email england.tcstlondon@nhs.net or visit our [webpage](#). You will receive further communications about this from CEG.

2 Cancer 2WW Referrals (Barts Health)

The following 2WW services at Royal London are experiencing delays with patients being seen within 14 days:

- Urology
- Head & Neck (ENT)

Please inform your patients being referred for these 2WW services that there may be a delay and add to safety netting systems to ensure patients tracked.

Barts Health has started the annual update of the Directory of Services (DOS), the named tumour groups above have had alert added to highlight delay, whilst mitigation plans are in place.

If you have any specific patient queries, please contact Barts at bhnt.waitingtimesinfo@nhs.net

3 Cancer 2WW Referrals (BHRUT)

BHRUT is receiving high volumes of urgent suspected cancer **dermatology/skin** referrals. The Dermatology Service also has reduced consultant capacity due to retirement and change of roles, and for these reasons there are delays in patients being first seen.

BHRUT advises GPs that patients may have to wait longer than 14 days to be seen for their first appointment. However, BHRUT has put additional admin resource in the Cancer Referral Office to manage patient's queries regarding future appointments.

BHRUT has now embarked on tele dermatology clinics to manage the backlog with dedicated clinics every week. Please inform your patients that once on the USC/2ww pathway they may receive communications to attend the medical photography first.

Thank you for your support during this challenging period and thank you for your help in advising patients of the delays at point of referral.

4 Improvement to colorectal referrals

Many thanks to GPs and practice staff who have been submitting FIT results with a 2ww colorectal referral. For referrals to Barts Health, over 98% of patients are now being referred with a FIT result. This ensures delays to the patient pathway are reduced.

We have built solid processes to manage this through more collaborative working. We took on this work at the start of the pandemic to issue FIT to patients, and been working closely with them to ensure referrals come back in. This means providers can prioritise the most high-risk patients. **Please continue to ensure a FIT result is included when referring to the colorectal pathway.**

5 Targeted Lung Health Check Programme update

We continue to scan residents from practices in Barking & Dagenham. We will be expanding the programme to other areas in north east London and the timeline for this is to be confirmed. We will keep you updated on plans for this.

We have launched a short, animated video to help explain to residents what happens at a lung health check and to show how quick and simple it is to have a scan of your lungs. You can watch the Targeted Lung Health Check video here: <https://youtu.be/bqEhBH8Sfq8>

More information is on our web page: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/tlhc>

6 Lung cancer engagement with Bangladeshi community

As part of lung cancer awareness month last November, Barts Health and North East London Cancer Alliance worked with the Bangla Press Club in Tower Hamlets to deliver key messages about lung cancer to the Bangladeshi community.

Read more: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/lung-cancer-engagement-bangladeshi-community-will-help-save-lives>

7 Cervical cancer prevention week

For [cervical cancer prevention week](#), we have been promoting our short, [animated video](#) which helps overcome some common myths and fears with cervical screening, cervical cancer and HPV. This is also available in [15 different languages](#).

The Muslim Sisterhood is helping us to increase the uptake of cervical screening amongst Muslim women, and their video now has over [100,000 views](#).

We are also providing [cervical cancer training](#) with Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust, and this is aimed at non-clinical staff.

More information on cancer screening is available on our [webpage](#).

8 FIT in patients with signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer: guidelines webinar

You can watch a [30-minute video](#) with guidelines on FIT in patients with signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer, which has been produced by the National Cancer team reflecting the guidance created by the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Society of Gastroenterology.

9 Prostate Cancer UK resources for health professionals

Prostate Cancer UK has updated resources available for primary care to help with prostate cancer referrals. This includes a PCN DES toolkit and is available here: <https://prostatecanceruk.org/for-health-professionals/resources>

10 Womb cancer awareness campaign – You need to know

The North East London Cancer Alliance, in partnership with [The Eve Appeal](#) (a leading UK charity raising awareness of and funding research for gynaecological cancers), have launched the '[You Need to Know](#)' campaign to increase awareness of womb cancer and its symptoms to help women in the local area get diagnosed sooner.

Please find digital posters to add to your websites [here](#).

If you would also like posters and leaflets for your practice, please email Sherrice Weekes; sherriceweekes@nhs.net

11 Best for my chest breast screening campaign for LGBTIQ+ community

Our Best For My Chest Campaign, launched in partnership with leading LGBTIQ+ cancer charity Live Through This, has recently received great feedback from one of the volunteers who got involved in the campaign from the start. The campaign is designed to help the LGBTIQ+ community come forward for life-saving breast screening appointments.

Read more: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/patient-praises-best-my-chest>

12 Cervical cancer educational resources for primary care

Free online CPD: Cervical Cancer - Early Diagnosis

Refresh your skills in identifying the signs and symptoms associated with cervical cancer with GatewayC's 'Cervical Cancer – Early Diagnosis' course. [Register for a free GatewayC](#) account to access:

<https://courses.gatewayc.org.uk/course/view.php?id=76>

Cervical Screening Checklist

Calling all sample takers, this appointment checklist is a must-have practice resource, designed with patients in mind at every step: [Download the checklist from Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust](#)

How early information can support patients

In this short clip, Kate Sanger from Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust speaks about how providing patients with information about potential screening results at their cervical screening appointment can help them feel at ease: [Watch and share this clip on LinkedIn](#)

How to talk about HPV

Although HPV is common, there unfortunately remains a lot of confusion, myth and stigma about the virus. Find the answers to a range of common patient questions in this guide for professionals.: [Read the Jo's Cervical Trust 'How to talk about HPV' guide](#)

13 National cancer signs and symptoms campaign

The national cancer team has organised a double-decker bus to tour the country to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer, as part of a national campaign launching on World Cancer Day, Saturday 4 February, and it will be visiting north east London on **Friday 10 February**.

This will be in Stratford Town Centre from 10am to 4pm. We will have staff on hand there from the Cancer Alliance to speak to local residents.

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