

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update May 2023

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1 2ww (going forward referred to as Urgent Suspected Cancer - USC) referral forms

Please make sure you are only using the new 2ww referral forms (which went live on 31 January 2023). More information is on our [web page](#).

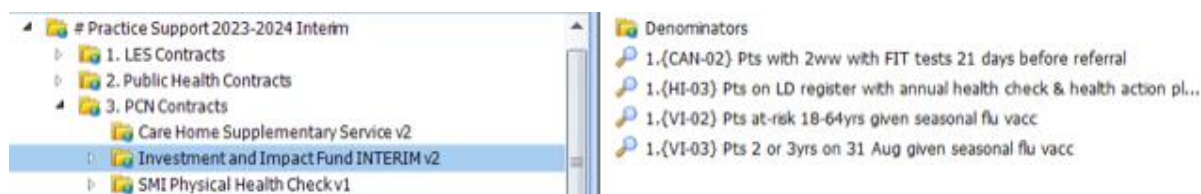
2 EMIS practices to associate the SNOMED code to the incoming FIT report.

As part of the Investment and Impact Fund (IIF), **all fast-track referrals for suspected lower gastrointestinal cancer must be accompanied by a FIT result** (faecal immunochemical test result), received either one week prior to the referral or in the two weeks after.

We have noticed activity in this area is low in some areas, and it appears to be because the FIT results are coming back into EMIS without an associated code. For this reason, practices need to take two actions:

1. **Associate a code with the incoming FIT results so these will be coded automatically upon receipt in future.** We have written instructions on how to do this: [How to associate a code with incoming FIT results](#).
2. **Code previous FIT results, received on or after 11 March 2023,** with: *Quantitative faecal immunochemical test* (Concept ID: 1049361000000101, Description ID: 2643291000000112). You can use the following CEG search to find affected records:

CEG have updated their PCN IIF searches. Please copy **Investment and Impact Fund INTERIM v2** to your practice domain:



If you have any questions or need support, please get in touch with us via your local CEG facilitator. For anything Covid related, you can also reach us at CEGCovid@qmul.ac.uk

3 Reminder: IIF requirements for FIT testing

For IIF indicator CAN-02, the window for recording a FIT test result is **up to 21 days prior to a two week wait referral**. FIT results recorded after referral will not count towards your achievement.

However, delaying a referral for suspected cancer until the FIT test is back relies on practices having very firm safety netting processes in place. We suggest you discuss these processes internally at your practice now. Here are some of the CEG resources that can help: [Cancer Toolkit](#).

4 2ww update: Head and Neck (Barts Health)

We have been using the ENT calculator for Head & Neck cancer triaging for several weeks now, as follows: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-05/BH%20HN%20proposed%20pathway%20.pdf>

The team has made significant progress over the past month with regards to reducing the number of patients awaiting a 2WW H&N appointment. We no longer have a backlog of patients awaiting triage.

We currently have 26 patients awaiting an appointment. This time last month (12/04) we had 168 patients awaiting an appointment, so have seen an 83% reduction in our waiting list in the course of a month.

5 Free online course on skin cancer diagnosis for salaried GPs (TNW only)

Barts Health NHS Trust and NEL ICB are offering an [online course](#) on skin cancer diagnosis for salaried GPs. It is currently only available for up to 60 salaried GPs in the TNW area, subject to evaluation before wider roll out. Any enquires please email: ifeoma.oyelami@nhs.net or anwar.miah@nhs.net

6 SUMMIT Study comes to an end

The SUMMIT Study, which has been offering lung health checks and CT scans to GP-registered patients in north central and north east London since 2019, ends on 25 May 2023. No further checks will be provided under this research. Eligible SUMMIT participants will be invited at the appropriate time to have a Targeted Lung Health Check (see below).

The main SUMMIT research is due for publication in the autumn and there will be further communication at the time. The study organisers and researchers at UCLH and UCL are hugely grateful for the support from primary care for this important screening study.

7 North East London Cancer Alliance tops performance standards

We have great performance statistics for February and March, being the best cancer alliance nationally in number of published metrics.

Also, for the whole of 2022 to 2023, we were either top performer or second top performer in 9 out of 10 cancer waiting times standards, such as 2WW, Faster Diagnosis Standard and 31 Day First Treatment.

A big thank you to all your continued work in making the patient experience a better and quicker one.

8 Jo's Trust Cervical Screening Training

Last chance for your staff to book their free cervical training with Jo's Trust. This is for non-clinical administrators, receptionists, and other primary care staff (e.g. social prescribers and care navigators and health care assistants) who are often patient facing or tasked with speaking to patients.

More information is here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/cervical-cancer-training>

9 Targeted Lung Health Check Update

We continue to have one of the highest uptake rates in the country for our service in Barking & Dagenham. Preparations are progressing well for launching this service in Tower Hamlets, we are just waiting final confirmation for a go live date. It will then be rolled out to other boroughs after this.

10 TCST Cancer Community of Practice event

Quality Improvement – what could you do differently in your practice to improve care for cancer patients?

21 June 2023, 8:50am – 12:45pm (including lunch)

This event is for Primary Care and Community nurses and AHPs. More info and registration is here:

<https://www.transformationpartnersinhealthandcare.nhs.uk/resource/primary-care-cancer-educational-toolkit/cancer-community-of-practice/>

11 Easy Read Cancer Screening Patient Leaflet

Download a patient leaflet here:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-05/Easy%20Read%20Cancer%20Screening%20Patient%20Leaflet.pdf>

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