

## NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update December 2023 – January 2024

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### 1 PCN DES support guide

Following our quarterly review meeting, the latest updates to the PCN DES support guide are available here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/primary-care/pcn-des>

Key updates are highlighted in yellow in the guide and include:

1. NEW – SELCA Education Resource for USC referral – Page 3 (see attached)
2. NEW – Breast Screening resources for LD and Carers – Page 4
3. UPDATE – Barts Health NHS Trust and NEL ICB are offering an online course on skin cancer diagnosis for salaried GPs. There are still 23 spaces available for GPs across NEL – Page 7

## 2 PCN cancer facilitators

As a reminder, our PCN cancer facilitators are available to support PCNs to deliver the requirements of early diagnosis PCN DES. The support includes:

- Facilitate quality improvement, including reflection on comparative cancer data, referrals and audits and learning event analysis.
- Support action planning and use of ongoing quality improvement methodologies.
- Facilitate improvement in cancer screening, prevention and early diagnosis.
- Work with the whole team as needed – including GPs, nurses, clinical pharmacists, physician associates, other clinicians and non-clinical staff.
- Provide training to staff on cancer screening and cancer related processes such as safety netting.
- Work with PCNs to support a reduction in health inequalities.

We have three PCN facilitators for north east London:

Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge: Naeema Akther – [Naeema.akther@nhs.net](mailto:Naeema.akther@nhs.net)

City & Hackney and Newham: Jessica Lewsey – [jessica.lewsey@nhs.net](mailto:jessica.lewsey@nhs.net)

Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest: Lubna Patel – [lubna.patel6@nhs.net](mailto:lubna.patel6@nhs.net)

## 3 Urgent Suspected Cancer referrals in the NHS e-Referral Service (e-RS)

As a reminder, the Two Week Wait standards ceased to apply from 1 October 2023, to be replaced by the [Faster Diagnosis Standard](#).

As a result of this, Trusts are removing reference to 2ww (and any variations of this) on e-RS, to be replaced by 'Urgent Suspected Cancer'. This is being done as quickly as possible, but it will take some time and we will keep you updated on progress.

## 4 Top Tips Urgent Suspected Urology Referrals

The latest top tips for primary care for urgent suspected urology referrals have been updated on the Transformation in Partners in health and care website:

<https://www.transformationpartners.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Top-Tips-Suspected-Urology-Cancer-Referrals.pdf>

## 5 Targeted Lung Health Check Programme Update

Many thanks for your continued support for our Targeted Lung Health Check Programme. We continue to have one of the highest uptakes in the country.

It is currently running in Barking & Dagenham and Tower hamlets. The programme offers life-saving scans to residents aged between 55 and 74, and who have ever smoked.

As previously communicated, we will shortly be moving to our next borough to keep the momentum going. This will be Newham, based on a combination of smoking data, current scanner location and IT integration already being in place.

### SNOMED Codes

As a reminder, the new TLHC SNOMED codes have now been released by EMIS, for local practices to access. EMIS has published the knowledge base article about this, which EMIS users can access using the [link](#).

If you need to refer to this article in any of your materials or communications, the Reference ID for the article is [KB001441](#) and it can be accessed directly by EMIS users using the link above.

### For more information

[Download](#) a slide pack for healthcare professionals

[Visit](#) our website

[Access](#) patient communications materials

## 6 Patients on an urgent suspected cancer pathway

Please remind patients that they need to be available for appointments if they have been referred on an urgent suspected cancer pathway. Patients should be informed that they are on this pathway.

Please make sure that they are available for appointments 6-8 weeks after you have made their referral. Patients should also be informed they may be referred for diagnostic tests which are outlined when the referral is made.

## 7 Genetic testing: how to request this for your patients

Webinar on 9am to 12.30pm on 8 February 2024:

The national genomic test directory enables healthcare professionals outside of clinical genetics to request 'diagnostic' genetic testing at the point of care rather than referring to clinical genetics. This half-day virtual training programme, run by the North Thames Genomic Medicine Service, aims to provide a practical tool-kit for healthcare professionals to request genetic testing.

We will focus on the use of the national genomic test directory, key points to cover during conversation(s) with patients, consenting of patients for genomic testing and communicating genetic test results.

Please click this [link](#) to register.

If you have any questions about the session, please contact [nt-gmsa@gosh.nhs.uk](mailto:nt-gmsa@gosh.nhs.uk) and please do share the details amongst relevant colleagues.

Other events:

1. 08/02/2024, Cancer Community of Practice webinar: Cancer Genomics in Primary Care - why is it relevant and what do we need to know? Link [here](#).
2. 22/02/2024, Cancer Genomics Programme: Breast Cancer and Primary Care. Link [here](#).
3. 29/02/2023, Bringing FH Genetic Tests to Primary Care. Link [here](#).
4. 13/03/2024, Bringing CF Genetic Tests to Primary Care. Link [here](#).
5. 19/03/2024, Bringing FH Genetic Tests to Primary Care. Link [here](#).

NTGMSA regularly advertise learning opportunities through the Monthly GMS Newsletter, please sign-up [HERE](#) to receive these updates and more news.

## 8 Training modules to support urgent suspected cancer referrals

South East London Cancer Alliance recently launched a new education resource to support primary care professionals to identify patients who require an urgent suspected cancer referral. These are available free of charge for GPs in north east London.

The modules can be completed online within 10 minutes. The following modules are now available:

- [Head and Neck cancer](#)
- [Pancreatic training module.](#)
- [Lung Cancer training module.](#)
- [Myeloma training module.](#)
- [Oral cancer](#)

**Pending modules under construction** (Released by summer 2024.)

- Oesophageal cancer
- Brain and Central Nervous System cancer
- Ovarian cancer

## 9 GatewayC

GatewayC is an excellent free source of cancer resources for GPs. Sign up is quick and easy and can be done via this link: <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/registration/>

### GatewayC Courses

The latest additions to the GatewayC course collection are newly released screening modules that cover the [breast](#), [cervical](#), and [bowel](#) cancer screening programmes.

These courses are designed to support primary care in implementing national screening programmes.

All courses can be viewed here: <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/our-courses/>

### On-demand FIT webinars

Following the 2023 update to NICE guidelines, on-demand webinars on Supporting Patients with FIT are available for primary care clinicians and administrators are available here: <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/webinars/>

Cancer Conversation: Cancer in the Trans Community Dr Rebecca Leon uncovers the challenges faced by transgender patients in primary care: [https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/cancer\\_conversations/cancer-in-the-trans-community](https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/cancer_conversations/cancer-in-the-trans-community)

### Cancer Care Maps

These use an RCGP award-winning referral algorithm that supports the NICE NG12 guidance. Their interactive tool makes it easy to recognise and refer suspected cancer cases. You can identify the correct pathway in just a few clicks. <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/the-cancer-maps/>

## 10 Prehab videos

For info for GPs, we have produced a couple of videos which help explain the prehab services in north east London and the benefits for cancer patients. They are available here:

- Prehab film for patients: <https://youtu.be/sQEISRtAiY>
- Prehab film for healthcare professionals: <https://youtu.be/Textsqz29xcg>

## 11 Bowel screening campaign multicultural posters

You can access a range of posters designed to increase the uptake of bowel screening here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s8CPEkFTgjdGEsHTUYSwF2ueASeHoA2k?usp=sharing>

## 12 For more information

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