

# NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update September 2024

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## 1 NEL Cancer Academy

We are delighted to launch the [NEL Cancer Academy](https://nelcanceracademy.co.uk/), developed by the NEL Training Hub and NEL Cancer Alliance. This provides cancer training and resources for primary care professionals, as well as for other healthcare professionals and non-clinical staff.

Here's what you can explore on the website:

- **Training Session Details:** Access essential resources including session recordings, presentation slides, and registration links - everything you need to support your learning journey.
- **Educational Materials:** Explore a wide range of in-depth educational materials and curated links, providing valuable insights into cancer care and knowledge to enhance your practice.
- **Relevant Resources:** Browse through a comprehensive repository of up-to-date guidelines, tools, and information to help you strengthen your expertise and improve patient care.

Visit: <https://nelcanceracademy.co.uk/>

## 2 PCN DES and QOF Support Guide

As a reminder, the new improved Early Cancer Diagnosis [PCN DES & QOF Support Guide](#) for primary care is now available to download on the Cancer Alliance [PCN DES webpage](#).

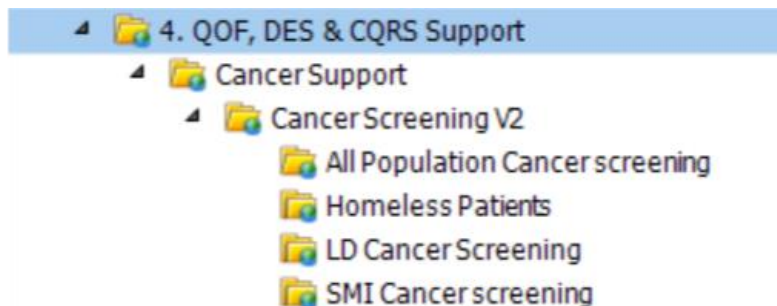
There is also a 'quick wins' checklist available to download, as well as a link to further resources in our Google drive. Visit <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/primary-care/pcn-des>

Watch a Primary Care PCN Des webinar by Dr Rob Palmer:  
[https://youtu.be/hwnXPGskhS0?si=b1LdccWIXa\\_KQo8l](https://youtu.be/hwnXPGskhS0?si=b1LdccWIXa_KQo8l)

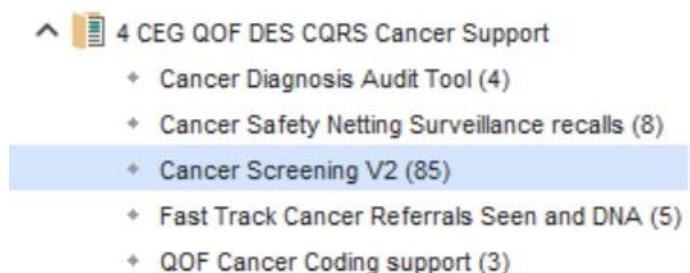
## 3 CEG Cancer Screening support searches updated

We have updated the Cancer Screening support searches to version 2 in both EMIS and SystemOne. EMIS practices, please copy Cancer Screening V2 into your practice domain. The searches are in folder 4, 'QOF, DES & CQRS Support'.

EMIS:



SystemOne:



## 4 Important update on the Multidisciplinary Rapid Access Diagnostic Clinic (MRADC) at Barts Health

Please note the latest update on waiting times from the Multidisciplinary Rapid Access Diagnostic Clinic (MRADC) at Barts Health:

<https://primarycare.northeastlondon.icb.nhs.uk/news/the-multidisciplinary-rapid-access-diagnostic-clinic-mradc-at-barts-health/>

## 5 Important information re Urgent Suspected Sarcoma referral form

The Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) referral forms have recently been updated taking account of comments from specialists, GPs and other stakeholders, and any changes in national referral guidance. These will be made available next month.

However, the Urgent Suspected Sarcoma referral form is ready to be launched and, as the new *soft tissue sarcoma diagnostic pathway* is live, there is an urgent need to deploy this form ahead of the others.

The latest Pan London USC Sarcoma referral form can be downloaded here:

- [EMIS](#)
- [SystemOne](#)
- [VISION / Word](#)

The pathway is now delivered through a hub and spoke model. Depending on the clinical findings on initial imaging in primary care patients should be referred to either a hub or diagnostic spoke service. Guidance is provided:

<https://www.transformationpartners.nhs.uk/usc-sarcoma-clinical-guide/>

For more information about the hub and spoke service, see our [previous update](#).

## 6 Targeted Lung Health Check Programme Update

We have completed over [10,000 CT scans and 25,000 telephone triages](#) as part of the Targeted Lung Health Check Programme (a free check for 55-74 year olds who have ever smoked).

Our uptake rate is one of the highest in the country and we are diagnosing around 62.2% of cancers at stage 1 or stage 2. This is taking place so far in Barking & Dagenham, Tower Hamlets and Newham.

### Expansion to Havering

Preparations are now underway to extend to Havering as the next borough (the order of boroughs is determined by smoking prevalence, along with IT integration).

All practices in Havering are being asked to sign the data sharing agreement via their Data Controller Console, and we have written to each practice with instructions.

For more information visit <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/tlhc> or email [nelondonicb.lungcheck@nhs.net](mailto:nelondonicb.lungcheck@nhs.net). [Access](#) patient communications materials to promote the programme in your practice.

## 7 ONEL SMI Breast Screening

**The ONEL SMI project is getting ready to go-live and will be starting with Loxford PCN and New Cross Alliance from 7 October**

**Please do not initiate patient invites until further notice:** Each PCN will be given a 1-month notice to launch patient invites, with instructions for preparations required ahead of their 'go-live' date. Nikki Poland, the project manager from the cancer alliance, will be in touch with each PCN ahead of launching and can be contacted for queries at [nikki.poland@nhs.net](mailto:nikki.poland@nhs.net).

**The Data Console:** has now been live since 26 July 2024 and all practices are urged to review and accept the data sharing agreements promptly. The email invite will have been received by the authorising party for each practice, from the Data Controller Console ([data.controller.console@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:data.controller.console@notifications.service.gov.uk)) and would have been titled "Invite to ONEL SMI Breast Screening Programme."

Please support practices to complete this action and for any issues experienced regarding access to the console please ask them to log a ticket at: <https://sd.londonhds.nhs.uk/>

**Any PCNs awaiting LIS payment transfer:** please ensure any outstanding actions are addressed with Harjeet Dhanota ([harjeet.dhanota@nhs.net](mailto:harjeet.dhanota@nhs.net)) as early as possible, to ensure timely payment.

## 8 New podcast series from the cancer alliance

North East London Cancer Alliance has launched a new podcast series aimed at raising awareness of cancer and tackling health inequalities. We will be releasing a new episode once every two weeks on a range of cancer topics, featuring a mix of special guests including GPs, patients, clinicians, charities, and local celebrities.

Please follow our podcast channels to make sure you don't miss an episode:

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/2kNmI5h91YATSiwsDi1lrE?si=tFuGN5XsTV-Ud9Tlh40ACg>

Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/taking-control-of-cancer/id1747879389>

Amazon: <https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/136f840d-8832-4056-82d0-adbc2a64eabe>

If you are interested in taking part in an episode, please email [p.thomas6@nhs.net](mailto:p.thomas6@nhs.net)

## 9 NEL Training Hub webinars for primary care

**Lung cancer: 6:00pm – 7:00pm, Monday 30 September 2024**

Register here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NEL\\_LungCancer24](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NEL_LungCancer24)

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the local context (data)
- Risk factors
- Early Detection
- Referral (NICE NG12/direct access)
- Support after treatment (CCR, patient needs)

**Colorectal cancer: 1:00pm – 2:00pm, Monday 21 October 2024**

Register here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NEL\\_ColorectalCancer](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NEL_ColorectalCancer)

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the local context (data)
- Early Detection
- How to use and interpret FIT
- Good referral practice

### **Caring with Pride: A Cancer Awareness session**

Caring with Pride: a training session on best practice for screening and cancer care in transgender and non-binary patients  
(Virtual)

<b>Wednesday 09th October 2024, 13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Tuesday 15th October 2024, 13:00 – 14:00</b>
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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) (\*Only required to attend one session\*)

**The session will cover:**

- How the cancer experience can differ for LGBTQI+ patients
- Understanding LGBTQI+ health disparities and risk factors
- Encouraging LGBTQI+ patients to attend cancer screenings
- The Impact of gender-affirming care on cancer risk and screening eligibility
- Addressing systemic barriers (e.g. screening invitations, handovers)
- Supporting gender re-registration and name changes
- Delivering person-centred care for LGBTQI+ patients
- Creating inclusive and welcoming healthcare environments

## 10 GatewayC primary care resources

### Breast cancer:

- [Breast Cancer – early diagnosis course](#)
- [Breast Cancer Screening course](#)
- [Breast Cancer podcast episode](#)
- [Breast Cancer Recurrence podcast episode](#)

**Blood Cancer:** [Explore resources](#).

**Urological Cancer:** A free CPD course to refresh primary care knowledge on the early presentation of prostate cancer and who is most at risk. [Start course](#).

**Gynecological Cancer:** Gain 1 hour of CPD with each of GatewayC's [Cervical](#), [Ovarian](#) and [Uterine Cancer](#) courses.

**Sarcoma:** <https://sarcoma.org.uk/healthcare-professionals-hub/sarcoma-early-diagnosis-a-new-course-from-gatewayc/>

## 11 For more information

Web: [www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk](http://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk)

Twitter: @CancerNel

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LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/north-east-london-cancer-alliance/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@nelcanceralliance>