

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update October and November 2024

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1 [Important information re Urgent Suspected Referrals](#)

The Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) referral forms have recently been updated, taking into account comments from specialists, GPs and other stakeholders, and any changes in national referral guidance. In particular, changes have been made in the following forms:

- Gynaecological Cancer: incorporating new BMS guidelines for post-menopausal bleeding.
- Sarcoma: following launch of the new soft tissue sarcoma diagnostic pathway.
- Skin Cancer: adaptations made for teledermatology, to be used according to local pathway where these exist.

Other generic changes include:

- New Top Tips have been developed for Gynaecological, Haematology, Sarcoma and Urology, to add to the existing suite of Top Tips of Breast, Lower GI, Upper GI, with more to come in the next few months.
- Wording in the forms and patient information have been modified to reflect the latest Faster Diagnosis Standard.
- The NHS Service Finder website has been added for finding practice bypass numbers, available to those with NHS email addresses.
- In some forms, minor modifications to wording were made to make referral requirements or arrangements clearer.
- Boxes added under 'Other access needs' for referrers to provide more information about learning disabilities.

The new referral forms will be uploaded to the IT system that you use by your ICB commissioned IT service provider(s), your IT Leads or by DXS. If you encounter problems using the forms, please contact your borough's Cancer / IT lead or your IT service desk in the first instance.

It is important that only the new, updated USC referral forms are used after 25 October 2024. Please could you ensure that any old forms or templates are removed from your IT system and are no longer used for patient referrals.

We are also pleased to inform you that a brand-new video on how to send a good quality USC referral, developed in conjunction with GatewayC, has been published.

The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-o7q6lmtpHo>

If you have any questions or concerns, please email england.tcstlondon@nhs.net

2 Latest from the NEL Cancer Academy

In partnership with Red Whale, we are providing cancer update courses for primary care in north east London. The courses are being offered for only £10 instead of £250.

The sessions are filling up fast so please book your space now:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Cancer-Update-Courses-Primary-Care-NEL-Red-Whale.pdf>

All primary care training resources are on the NEL Cancer Academy website: <http://nelcanceracademy.co.uk/>

The latest webinar recordings are available here:

Bowel Cancer Webinar: <https://youtu.be/3z5-xTKFJ50>

Lung Cancer Webinar: <https://youtu.be/6PJHAJNQ17M>

3 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.

Expansion to Havering

We have now launched this in Havering, which follows Barking & Dagenham, Tower Hamlets and Newham (the order of boroughs is determined by smoking prevalence, along with IT integration).

All practices in Havering have been asked to sign a data sharing agreement via their Data Controller Console, and we have written to each practice with instructions. We ask that all practices action this as soon as possible please.

For more information visit <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/tlhc> or email nelondonicb.lungcheck@nhs.net

[Access](#) patient communications materials to promote the programme in your practice.

4 EUROPAC GP Leaflet

The European Registry of Hereditary Pancreatic Diseases (EUROPAC) is in the first instance a registry for families with histories of Familial Pancreatic Cancer and Hereditary Pancreatitis. It aims to help spot pancreatic cancer sooner.

A new [EUROPAC GP information leaflet](#) is available for primary care and more information is on our [web page](#).

5 Dr Ameesh Patel helps make Havering bowel screening initiative a success

Havering North PCN's dedicated cancer lead, Dr Ameesh Patel explains how being a PCN cancer lead was instrumental in the success of a bowel cancer screening initiative: <https://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/pulse-pcn/how-this-pcn-uses-a-cancer-lead/>

Havering North PCN also achieved a commendation for their pilot project on symptomatic FIT testing safety netting: <https://pma-uk.org/pma-awards-2024/#innovation>

6 Update from Cervical Screening London

The latest update on cervical screening from Cervical Screening London is available to download [here](#).

7 Cervical screening for people over 60

We have been made aware of an issue with the new Cervical Screening Management System. Many patients over 60 have been assigned as ceased to be invited, even though they may still be within the eligible age range

The Screening Quality Assurance Service (SQAS) have advised that, while the issue is being investigated and resolved, sample takers should continue to screen eligible people according to national guidance if they are due a test, and document on the form/flag with the lab that the person is eligible to ensure the sample is processed. CSL have been alerted to the issue and have made sure lab staff are aware, to reduce the risk of the sample being rejected as out of programme.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if any sample-takers who experience this issue complete and submit a screening incident assessment form (SIAF) with the details, which can be found here:

[Screening incident assessment form 2023 12 08.odt \(live.com\)](#).

8 ONEL SMI Breast Screening (BHRUT)

THE ONEL SMI PROJECT IS NOW LIVE, having launched in Loxford and New Cross Alliance PCNs on 7 October. The next PCNs due to launch on 4 November are B+D East, North and New West PCNs, followed by Cranbrook and Fairlop on 25 November.

ALL OTHER PCNS: PLEASE DO NOT BEGIN INVITING PATIENTS UNTIL NOTIFIED TO DO SO. To ensure InHealth can facilitate screening invites, the next round of PCN launches will be in January 2025 and Nikki the project manager from the cancer alliance will contact PCNs when it is time to launch and to provide any crucial updates needed for practices to begin LIS activity.

PLEASE ENSURE THE DATA CONSOLE IS ACCEPTED for all practices prior to launching. For assistance, tickets can be logged with the data controller at: <https://sd.londonhds.nhs.uk/> who is happy to help.

For all other enquires please do not hesitate to contact Nikki at nikki.poland@nhs.net

9 Improving the quality of support that cancer patients receive

An exciting opportunity has arisen to improve the quality of support that cancer patients receive within the primary care setting through a process of reflection and quality improvement at practice level across north east London.

We are keen to support practices to improve how they:

- Explore and identify cancer patients' unmet needs
- Offer support to help meet these needs

We are asking practices to:

1. Run a CEG search to identify a maximum of 10 historical random cancer patients
2. Import the patients into a Reflection Tool and complete it for each patient
3. Reflect as a practice on the results and review the Resources & Recommendations we will be providing
4. Submit the anonymised search results and your practice improvement plan on what better support would encompass
5. After 2 quarters run the random search again (max 10 patients) and reflect on any changes to the quality of care or support offered
6. Send out a patient questionnaire to these patients (which we will have provided) to help the practice reflect on care provided
7. Submit a final evaluation form including the second search results, your review of your QI and the anonymised patient feedback results

An external evaluation will be conducted by SoWhat? Consulting Ltd

We will be supporting the practices with the above process and have the backing of the Place-Based Cancer GP leads and PCN Cancer Facilitators who are also keen to support in anyway needed.

We are offering £500 to each GP practice to be involved in this Quality improvement project, and we are aiming for 5 GP practices per area.

Any GP practices interested in being a part of this QI project, please forward an email expressing your interest to Navneet.deol@nhs.net by close of play on **Monday 2 December 2024**.

10 Using Artificial Intelligence for faster Chest X-ray results

Artificial Intelligence is now being used at Barts Health NHS Trust, Barking, Havering, and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust, and Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for the first time, where it is being integrated into chest X-ray pathways to ensure the timely identification of significant findings. Read more: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/using-artificial-intelligence-faster-chest-x-ray-results>

11 New podcast episodes from the cancer alliance

Please listen to our latest episodes on prostate cancer and breast cancer, as well as the support available for cancer patients from Maggie's at Barts Health.

Spotify: <https://bit.ly/3Aiy6dq>

Apple: <https://bit.ly/4f7LDDQ>

Amazon: <https://bit.ly/4e3xXIW>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/4hmd7Yn>

All episodes are available on our website:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/taking-control-cancer>

If you are interested in taking part in an episode, please email p.thomas6@nhs.net

12 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

13 Cancer Alliance Annual Report and Delivery Plan

Our cancer alliance annual report can be downloaded here:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/NELCA-Annual-Report-2023-2024-FINAL.pdf>

Our Delivery Plan for 2024 to 2025 can be downloaded here:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/NELCA-Delivery-Plan-2024-to-2025-Final-Web.pdf>

14 GatewayC primary care resources

GatewayC provides free resources for primary care (sign up is required). Their latest resources are on Breast Cancer:

Suspected breast cancer recurrence one hour course:

<https://link.gatewayc.org.uk/breastcourse10es>

Breast screening one hour course: <https://link.gatewayc.org.uk/breastscreen10es>

15 For more information

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