

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update May 2025

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1 North East London Dermatoscope survey

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve skin cancer outcomes in North East London and enhance dermatology education within primary care, we are conducting a short survey to better understand the current level of expertise and equipment across the region.

This is part of a wider project - the North East London Dermatoscope, which looks to map the current skill mix as well as improve the connections between health care professionals with an interest in dermatology.

We kindly request your participation in this survey - it should take no more than a few minutes to complete: <https://forms.office.com/e/PzJpkhf5Ei>

Survey Details:

- **Purpose:** To collect information on GPwER locations and dermoscopy equipment in primary care.
- **Duration:** The survey closes on **16 June 2025**
- **Link to Survey:** <https://forms.office.com/e/PzJpkhf5Ei>

- **Contacts for support:** Dr Tom McLeod, GPwER in Dermatology at Homerton and NELCA Skin ERG Lead thomas.mcleod@nhs.net and Rosie O'Dea, Project Manager for the Skin Cancer Pathway, NELCA rosie.odea2@nhs.net

Your cooperation and timely response are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

2 Skin cancer awareness campaign

May is skin cancer awareness month, and the cancer alliance has launched a new campaign to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe in the sun. This includes posts across social media and an event in the summer (details to be confirmed). More information is on our webpage: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/LDN-get-sun-set>

3 Primary Care Dermatology Society: Dermoscopy Course - Free Places available

We are pleased to share that the North East London Cancer Alliance (NELCA) has secured several spots for GPs to participate in the PCDS Dermoscopy for Absolute Beginners course.

This course is designed for individuals who:

- Never had a dermatoscope but are planning on getting one and want to know how to use it before they get one
- Have a dermatoscope but don't use it because they don't know how
- Have a dermatoscope in the practice but have not had much (or any) training
- Have been using a dermatoscope a bit, and would like to feel more confident with the basics as a refresher

If you are interested in attending this course, please fill out the registration form below. You will be contacted to confirm your place on the course. Please note that places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The first course takes place on 10 June, with options available up until 27 November.

Link to register for PCDS Dermoscopy
Course: <https://forms.office.com/e/nfuMTsxrPb>

Please contact Rosie O'Dea, Project Manager at North East London Cancer Alliance, for more details: rosie.odea2@nhs.net

4 Feedback for the NEL PCN Facilitator Service

The North East London Cancer Alliance and the University of East London would like your help to build evidence and insights into the work of the PCN Facilitator Service for Cancer.

The goal of the evaluation is to better understand the delivery processes and outcome/impacts of the service and the value of the PCN Facilitator role.

We hope this will help us to better understand the needs of primary care services when it comes to supporting early diagnosis of cancer and increasing the uptake of national cancer screening programmes.

Your feedback will be used as part of the evaluation to help inform a business case and improve the service design for the PCN Facilitator Service for Cancer.

If you are a PCN Manager, please complete this PCN Manager Survey. Please click [here](#) to access the survey. If that does not work, please copy and paste the entire web address (<https://tinyurl.com/PCNManPRS>) into the address field of your browser.

If you have any questions about this evaluation please contact the research team: Dr Darren Sharpe (D.Sharpe@uel.ac.uk) and Nora Morocza (N.Morocza@uel.ac.uk).

5 Latest news from Cervical Screening Administration Service

[Download](#) the latest news update form Cervical Screening Administration Service.

6 Breast screening for women with an SMI (BHR only)

Thank you to all PCNs and practices for their efforts and participation.

Since launching in October 2024, there has been a 3.7% reduction in unscreened SMI patients across BHR in 5 months. Please continue to encourage practices to undertake their LIS activities to increase patient engagement and enable payment. LIS activity will continue to be monitored across PCNs and practices on a monthly basis until September 2025.

Please keep an eye on updates in the next PCN newsletter and via email.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: It has been identified that the number of Outcome letters carried out and the number of 'DNA breast screening' results do not reflect the number of referrals received and appointments carried out by InHealth. The CEG template will be updated to ensure that practices do not enter any results on the 'Results/Outcome' page of the CEG template.

Please only use this template for ONEL SMI breast screening project. Updated service specifications will be circulated to reflect this.

Please ensure practices receive and consult the updated service spec as this provides all the guidance required to carry out the project.

The PCN cancer facilitator will begin working with practices that remain inactive or have inaccurate data in due course.

PLEASE FEEDBACK – the ONEL SMI survey remains open until 31st May 2025 and all PCNs and practices are encouraged to submit their feedback via <https://forms.office.com/e/xPnV2qCsfs>. Your feedback is important and will help us to evaluate the project and scope any future work.

For any queries, please contact Nikki at Nikki.poland@nhs.net

7 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller project

Friends, Families and Travellers and Roma Support Group have successfully recruited and trained 14 health champions for the GRT communities in NEL and we introduced them to all ICB, Primary Care and Public Health teams at our online event on 14th May.

The session was recorded and will be shared later, and any work identified for the champions will be followed up in due course. Following this the champions will be receiving training on the 3 national screening programmes, representing their communities at a focus group for evaluation report and supporting the cultural awareness sessions for social prescribers and GP receptionists.

The available dates for the cultural awareness sessions will be available soon. Please keep an eye on the usual communication channels and NEL Training Hub events page for more info!

8 Cancer update course – subsidised places available

South East London Cancer Alliance (SELCA) is pleased to be hosting a **Cancer Update Course delivered by Red Whale on 17 June**, for colleagues working in Primary Care/Community settings in London. The course is open to all staff working in the primary or community care setting.

The course has been subsidised for London staff at the significantly reduced rate of £20 (RRP: £250)

- The **in-person course** is offered on **Tuesday 17th June** at 22 Duchess Mews, London W1G 9DT.
- The course costs includes refreshments throughout the day and a lunch. In addition, you will receive a physical copy of **Red Whale's Cancer Update Handbook** and access to their **extensive online resources for 12 months**.

- Topics will include: Early Cancer Diagnosis, Cancer Screening, Cancer Genomics, new treatment updates, Personalised Cancer Care and more.
- **To register and for more information - please find attached the course flyer**, which includes full details of the course including the agenda and booking instructions.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch

– Samantha.lewis@gstt.nhs.uk Samantha Lewis, Deputy Programme Manager – Early Diagnosis (SELCA)

9 Psychosocial care for cancer patients

People affected by cancer may face a range of psychological and social challenges. These may include things like emotional distress and changes to how you think about yourself, impact on your relationships and social functioning, worries about work, and financial difficulties.

Psychosocial care helps people with cancer cope with these emotional, social, and mental health challenges of their illness and treatment.

Patients can watch a video which explains more: <https://youtu.be/F-DY7VTHDbI>

More information about the support available in north east

London: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/mental-health-and-psychosocial-support>

10 Community Health Games

North East London Cancer Alliance is hosting a series of **Community Games** - a free local initiative designed to support people living with and beyond cancer across north east London to live healthier, more active lives.

These games are free to attend for people living with cancer in north east London – and their families and friends. The games are for all ages and abilities to try out different activities, meet people, and gain practical health advice - all in a friendly, fun, and inclusive environment.

The games are being held on the following dates:

- 11am to 3pm, 8 June, Mile End Leisure Centre
- 11am to 3pm, 28 June in the City and Hackney area (venue TBC)
- 11 am to 3pm, 13 September at Sport house in the Barking and Dagenham area

We encourage you to promote the event to your patients via text, email or during appointments - template copy is available if needed.

More information is available on our website:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/community-games>

11 Podcasts

Our latest podcast focussed on breaking barriers to breast screening.

All episodes can be accessed here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/taking-control-cancer>

12 GatewayC

GatewayC is an excellent free source of cancer resources for GPs and we recommend all practice staff in north east London sign up. Sign up is quick and easy and can be done via this link: <https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/registration/>

[GatewayC](#) has an upcoming webinar on [Unscheduled Vaginal Bleeding](#).

This will be held on Wednesday 21 May 12:30 – 13:15. The webinar will follow a question-and-answer format with GatewayC's GP Lead, Dr Sarah Taylor and Dr Helena O'Flynn, a GP and Greater Manchester's Early Diagnosis Lead for gynaecological cancers.

13 For more information

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