

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update October 2025

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1 Free education session: An introduction to the cancer alliance

Dr Angela Wong talks through the key cancer alliance programmes, and how professionals across the cancer pathway work with the alliance, at a free online education session from **9am to 10am on Wednesday 26 November**.

It will give you valuable insights into how the cancer alliance is working together with primary care, as well as secondary care and local partners, to deliver better outcomes for patients.

It is available to all healthcare professionals in primary care or secondary care with an interest in cancer, or those working as nurses and AHPs in cancer at a minimum band 5/6. It takes place online and is for an hour.

9am to 10am on Wednesday 26 November

Book your FREE place now: <https://bit.ly/4gSKEcD>

2 Recording from Leadership in Cancer education session

If you missed last month's free education session on Leadership in Cancer, featuring Nic Kane, Chief Nursing Officer from BHRUT, you can access the recording here: <https://youtu.be/4G5s9CLUcVI>

3 Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Engagement project: Cultural Awareness Webinars

Thank you to those who have booked onto our cultural awareness sessions so far and shared your positive feedback!

We still have some remaining spaces for our cultural awareness webinar sessions which are now live on NEL Training Hub and **ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL GP STAFF AND SOCIAL PRESCRIBERS IN NEL!**

The sessions, delivered by FFT and RSG, showcase the lived experiences of Gypsy, Roma and Traveler communities and offer the opportunity to understand how to support them in breaking barriers to healthcare.

As promised, two condensed cultural awareness sessions are now also available for booking, with all sessions available via the link below.

TWO NEW 1-HOUR SESSIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE (Tuesday 11 November 2025 10:30-11:30 and Monday 8 December 2025 10:30-11:30) These additional dates have been condensed to allow more healthcare staff to attend and benefit from these valuable sessions.

Book your free place here: <https://neltraininghub.org/events/list/?tribe-bar-search=gypsy%2C+%5C+roma>

Please continue to share amongst colleagues and encourage to register where they can!

4 New Urgent Suspected Cancer referral forms (version 01/06/2025)

As a reminder, the Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) referral forms have recently been updated. The website hosting the forms, educational resources and support information has changed and they are all available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/cancer-earlier-diagnosis/urgent-cancer-referrals/>

The latest Pan London Urgent Suspected Ophthalmology Cancer referral form can be downloaded here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/09/Pan-London-Urgent-Suspected-Ophthalmology-Cancer-Referral-Form.docx>

The latest Pan London Urgent Suspected Head and Neck (Dental) Cancer referral form can be downloaded here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/09/Pan-London-Urgent-Suspected-Head-and-Neck-Cancer-Referral-Form-Dental-2.docx>

The full suite of the updated referral forms can be found here:

https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/09/WORD-Forms_Pan-London.zip

The following changes have been made to the forms:

- **All forms** – embedded links within the forms have been updated to the new website. This includes links for clinical referral guides, *Top Tips*, hospital directory, RDC/NSS services and patient information.
- **All forms** – new wording has been added to confirm patient should be available over the next 28 days, reflecting the Faster Diagnosis Standard (which replaced the Two Week Wait standard in 2023).
- **Breast Cancer** – The link for management of gynaecomastia has been updated.

SMS/Messaging templates - Practices should check/amend any SMS/messaging templates for patients that include links for the patient information leaflets.

There are no changes to how clinicians should save or submit the forms. **It is important that only the new, updated USC referral forms are used going forward.** Please could you ensure that any old forms or templates are removed from your IT system and are no longer used for patient referrals.

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

5 Prostate cancer awareness van

As part of our 'It's Not A Game' campaign, we have a van visiting different locations in north east London to raise awareness of prostate cancer and to help men understand their risk of prostate cancer. A list of locations for the van is available here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/its-not-a-game>

6 Put Yourself First breast screening campaign

North East London Cancer Alliance has launched its latest breast cancer awareness initiative. **Put Yourself First** is a powerful campaign encouraging women aged 50 to 71 across North East London to prioritise their health by attending routine breast screening appointments.

The campaign features videos, posters, and social media. Read more about the launch of the campaign here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/put-yourself-first-empowering-women-through-breast-screening>

7 Bowel and breast screening awareness training

Sign up for a free training session on how to promote bowel and breast screening and support early detection of both cancers. Register here:

<https://neltraininghub.org/event/nel-bowel-and-breast-screening-awareness-training/>

8 Macmillan Social Prescribing Service (Hackney only)

They support people living with and beyond cancer by helping them access non-clinical services that can improve their wellbeing. They provide one-to-one support to help patients connect with local community groups, emotional support, exercise activities, and practical help such as financial, housing or benefits advice.

Eligibility:

Hackney and City residents aged 18+

Registered with Hackney and City GP practices who are living with or beyond cancer and who are currently receiving treatment or in remission.

Referrals can be made by GPs, healthcare professionals, or patients themselves.

The easiest way to refer is through the [Macmillan SP self-referral form](#), which you can email to us on macmillan@family-action.org.uk.

9 Podcasts

Our latest podcasts on cancer diagnosis and treatment are available here:

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

The latest episodes provide important information about breast screening and neuroendocrine cancer.

10 For more information

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