

## NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update 30 April 2021

### 1 2ww Referral Forms

Communications about this have already been sent out at a local level.

As a reminder, the suspected cancer 2 week wait referral forms have been revised to be compatible with SNOMED coding.

These and other changes should facilitate consistent automatic inclusion of relevant results and other important clinical information from the patient record when the forms load.

**Please make sure you are using the new forms. They all have a date of January 2021 at the bottom of each page. The installation of the new forms is being managed through resource publisher across NEL.**

Attached is some further information from the Healthy London Partnership and all the updated referral forms and patient information can be found via the HLP webpage: <https://www.healthylondon.org/suspected-cancer-referrals/>

There have been minor changes to clinical criteria for Haematology, Lung, Upper and Lower GI so please familiarise yourselves with the forms.

Barts Health confirm that they will respond to A&G queries within the 2ww Haematology form within 48 hours.

“C the Signs” have also updated their 2ww template forms to match the updates.

### 2 QOF changes

The Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) is a voluntary scheme within the General Medical Services (GMS) contract. It aims to support contractors to deliver good quality care.

NHSE/I has revised the approach to QOF for 2020/21 to reflect the impact of COVID-19 on general practice.

The attached guidance details the agreement reached with the GPC England in relation to QOF for the remainder of 2020/21 only and outlines the expectations of practices with regard to the approach to be taken, data recording requirements and payment. Absent to national agreement to the contrary, QOF will be reintroduced fully from April 2021 and will include agreed changes set out in contract agreements.

### 3 Cancer Care Reviews

Please note that Cancer Care Reviews are to be done within 12 months of a cancer diagnosis (rather than six months).

There is also a new indicator regarding an offer of support within 3 months (CAN indicator 005, based on NM204). This is the percentage of patients with cancer, diagnosed within the preceding 12 months, who have had the opportunity for a discussion and been informed of the support available from primary care, within 3 months of diagnosis.

Most practices will see patients with a new cancer diagnosis following assessment and management in a secondary or tertiary care setting. This indicator aims to encourage GP practices to proactively provide patients with the opportunity for a discussion to make them aware of the support available from their GP and wider practice team. The intention is to facilitate early and supportive conversations and ensure patients are aware of what help is available.

Macmillan Cancer Support has produced [10 top tips](#) to help primary care professionals to carry out effective Cancer Care Reviews. The Royal College of General Practitioners has a useful [web page](#) on Cancer Care Reviews, with links to where to find the template on EMIS and further advice and tips.

### 4 PCN DES resumption

The NHS has issued updated Early Cancer Diagnosis Guidance, as attached. This best practice guidance should help inform and support implementation and delivery of the Network Contract DES requirements for Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis.

The contractual requirements are set out in the [Network Contract DES Specification](#) with further detail in the [Network Contract DES Guidance](#).

The additional, supporting information in the document is purely advisory and should be read alongside the Network Contract DES Guidance. This best practice guidance should help inform and support implementation and delivery of the Network Contract DES requirements for Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis.

### 5 Cancer Research UK: Early Diagnosis Support for PCNs

Cancer Research UK has three new Health Professional Facilitators in NEL to support PCNs to improve cancer outcomes for their patients and help fulfil their Early Diagnosis DES requirements.

CRUK Facilitators can support your network with Quality Improvement activities on prevention, early diagnosis, and screening in line with the QOF QI.

To invite your CRUK Facilitator along to your PCN meeting to hear more about what we can provide and how we can support you, please email the facilitator for your area – see below.

Area	CRUK Facilitator	Email
Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest	Sue McNulty	<a href="mailto:Sue.mcnulty@cancer.org.uk">Sue.mcnulty@cancer.org.uk</a>
City and Hackney	Caitlin McGovern	<a href="mailto:Caitlin.mcgovern@cancer.org.uk">Caitlin.mcgovern@cancer.org.uk</a>
Barking, Havering and Redbridge	Sue White*	<a href="mailto:Sue.white@cancer.org.uk">Sue.white@cancer.org.uk</a>

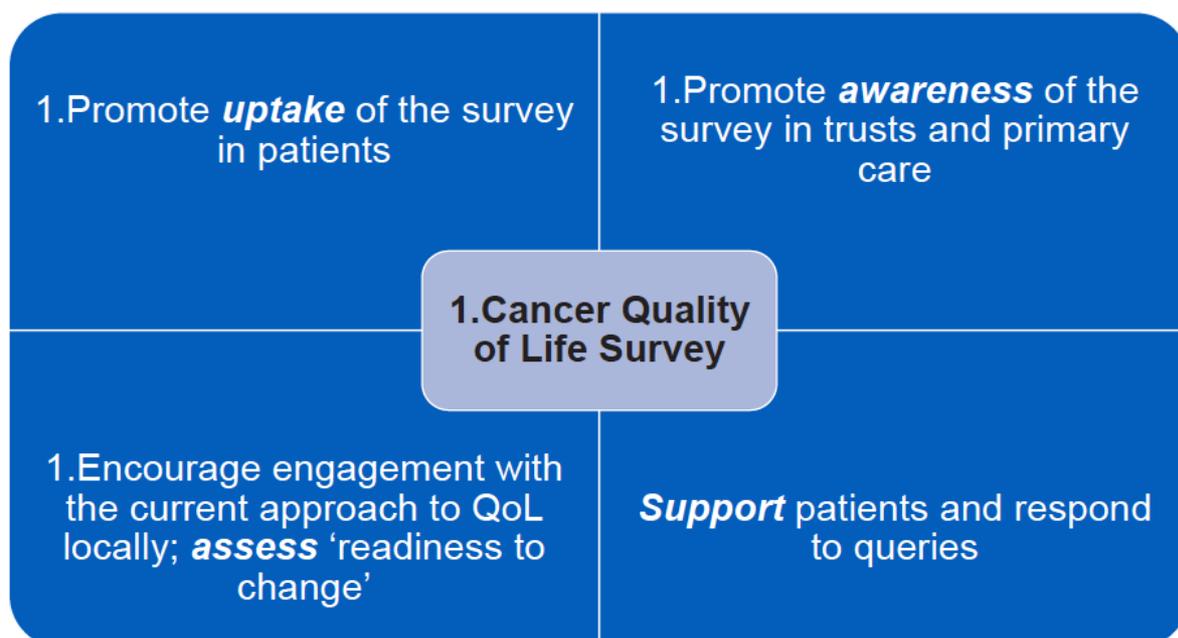
\*temporary cover for CRUK Facilitator Lubna Pate

## 6 Quality of life survey

As a reminder, Public Health England, NHS England and NHS Improvement have launched a nationwide Cancer QoL Survey to help understand what matters to patients.

London had the lowest QoL response level out of the entire country (27%). We need over 50% to complete the survey so that the information collected fully represents our cancer population. In order to do that we also need people to act as local champions and promote the survey locally.

### What you can do to help



From December 2020, all patients diagnosed with breast, prostate or colorectal cancer in England are being invited to complete the survey 18-months after their diagnosis. People with other cancer types will be included from July 2021 onwards.

The information collected from the survey will help us to work out how best to support people living with and beyond cancer. This is an ambitious programme with a scale and depth that isn't being matched anywhere else in the world.

More information is on our North East London Cancer Alliance [webpages](#) or visit [www.CancerQoL.england.nhs.uk](http://www.CancerQoL.england.nhs.uk).

## 7 Summit Study

This is a reminder that recruitment into SUMMIT ends soon. In February, an end date of 30 April was advised. This has been extended to 14 May to accommodate outstanding appointments.

There are now over 12,800 participants in the study who will remain part of the research until 2023, unless they wish to withdraw. Since announcing the end of recruitment, the SUMMIT team has worked hard to bring people into the study whose recruitment was paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There will be no further attempts to contact potential participants after the end date. For queries email [uclh.hcpsummitstudy@nhs.net](mailto:uclh.hcpsummitstudy@nhs.net)

## 8 Cervical Screening

Cervical Screening London has issued their latest sampler taker update, as attached. In this issue, they ask for assistance to address some important issues that continue to affect outcomes for women accessing the cervical screening programme in London.

### **Jo's Trust Cervical Training**

North East London Cancer Alliance being supported by North East London Training Hubs is providing virtual training sessions so non-clinical GP practice staff across North East London can improve their awareness and understanding of cervical screening. The training is provided by Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

*Target Audience: Non-clinical administrators, receptionists and other primary care staff who are often patient-facing or tasked with speaking to patients.*

## What will you learn?

You will learn the below topics, which will enable you to have conversations with people in your community:

1. What is cervical cancer and how is it caused?
2. What are the signs & symptoms?
3. How can cervical cancer be prevented?
4. Barriers to screening & improving confidence in screening during the pandemic

The aim is to help improve their knowledge of the importance of cervical screening and facilitate conversations with patients.

By providing staff with the education and skills to improve their confidence when engaging with patients about screening, it is more likely that patients will be able to make an informed choice, particularly in low participating groups.

This also supports requirements for the PCN DES and quality improvement for screening.

For full details, including how to book, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nel-jos-community-connector-cervical-health-training-tickets-148329863615>

## 9 Mile End Hospital x-ray services re-opened on 12 April

Clinicians can re-commence x-ray referrals to Mile End Hospital from Monday 12 April. For the latest Barts imaging services, [please refer to their imaging page](#).

## 10 Electronic Transfer of Cancer Holistic Needs Assessments

One of the key elements to personalised cancer care is Holistic Needs Assessment – this is carried out by patient and clinical nurse specialist and involves, in essence, a supported conversation and subsequent care plan based on identified patient concerns.

Clinical Nurse Specialists and cancer support workers at Barts Health utilise a website provided by Macmillan to facilitate this– [mycareplan.co.uk](http://mycareplan.co.uk). The current process requires the Clinical Nurse Specialist to create the care plan utilising the My Care Plan website and then to import the document to Cerner and post a copy to the GP.

Barts Health is delighted to be among the first Trusts in the country to utilise a new upgrade to the My Care Plan website, which will allow us to transfer the Care Plan direct to the GP Practice electronically.

The upgrade has been approved by Information Governance and tested with multiple practices, and will go live week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. As an early adopter of this service nationally, we welcome any questions, or feedback you may have on this. Please feel free to contact the programme lead directly: [avrilvanderloo@nhs.net](mailto:avrilvanderloo@nhs.net)

## 11 London Cancer Prehab Community of Practice

Prehabilitation supports people living with cancer to prepare for treatment. It promotes healthy behaviours and prescribes exercise, nutrition and psychological interventions based on a person's needs, to help them find their best way through.

The newly formed 'London Cancer Prehab Community of Practice' is open to all professionals in acute, primary and community settings who engage in providing, or commissioning, Cancer Prehabilitation services across London.

The main aim of the group is to provide a regular, protected opportunity for the sharing of good practice and educational and developmental discussion. The ambition is to raise standards of care and support the development of new services within the cancer prehab multi-disciplinary community in London.

The group meets virtually every three months for an hour and the next meeting will be on the **13 July from 12pm to 1pm**.

If you are interested to join please contact [jasontong@nhs.net](mailto:jasontong@nhs.net) for details.

## 12 Patient resources

We are working on a directory of all patient-facing material and will share this with you once completed. In the meantime, here are links to some useful resources:

- **Keeping cancer patients safe video**
  - English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBayrSewju4>
  - Urdu: <https://youtu.be/jxNUEfjQ1YE>
  - Gujarati: <https://youtu.be/M65FtqICmVU>
  - Bengali: <https://youtu.be/ujd0kPpS7FA>
  
- **Cancer won't wait for Covid video**
  - English: <https://youtu.be/HxozV0ruXol>
  - Urdu: [https://youtu.be/3P\\_sRY\\_Kpac](https://youtu.be/3P_sRY_Kpac)
  - Bengali: <https://youtu.be/DgMdxyt3S6l>
  - Gujarati: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5aYlW7TnNo>
  
- Click [here](#) for a list of charity support lines for people living with cancer.

- Click [here](#) to access information about screening for patients with learning disabilities
- Click [here](#) for Macmillan Cancer Support – information for anyone affected by cancer
- Animated breast screening video - helps overcome fears of attending screening appointments and explains the importance of attending. <https://youtu.be/CkMOOA0RTI4>
- Stories of patients attending bowel screening during the pandemic: <https://www.stmarksbowelscreen.co.uk/participants-stories>
- Resources to support patients with lymphoedema: <https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/aboutus/support-for-patients.htm>

### **13 More information on the NEL Cancer Alliance**

Web: <https://www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/aboutus/north-east-london-cancer-alliance.htm>

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