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## National Pilot Projects:

The national team have sent out Expression of Interest forms to Cancer Alliances across the country for 2 pilot projects that we are registering our interest for.

One project is working with **Community Pharmacy teams** to support the earlier diagnosis of cancer through referrals. The second project aims to fund a delivery model for targeted prostate specific antigen (PSA) testing, working with patients at **high risk of prostate cancer**. Patients will be identified through risks of age (>50), ethnicity (black males are twice as likely to have prostate cancer), and family history (a close relative with prostate cancer).

A select number of Cancer Alliances will be chosen for the projects and we hope our applications will be successful. The deadline for both projects is the 5<sup>th</sup> of August.

Please see the Expression of Interest packs attached below for more information about the pilot project, and our EOI form sent to the national team for the Community Pharmacy project.



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## Cancer Research UK Bowel Cancer Resource Guide

Following the efforts of Dame Deborah James in raising public awareness of bowel cancer signs and symptoms, you may see an increase in questions around Bowel Cancer Screening Programmes. Some useful resources for PCNs are:

- [NICE \(NG12\) symptom reference guide](#)
- [Bowel cancer screening resources](#)
- [Information to support the use of the Faecal Immunochemical Test \(FIT\) in practice](#)

For the full guide supporting the early diagnosis of bowel cancer, see the Cancer Research UK Bowel Cancer Resource Guide, attached below and in the circulated email.



CRUK Bowel Cancer Resource Guide\_July

## Bowel Cancer Screening Age Extension

The NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme is gradually extending the eligible age cohort between now and 2025. Full details can be found in the attached file below.

All three bowel cancer screening programmes in Greater Manchester have extended the age of their eligible cohort to offer bowel cancer screening to 56 year olds. Across GM the offer will also be extended to 58 year olds in August 2022. This extension of the bowel cancer screening programme will save many more lives across GM by prevention and early detection of bowel cancer.

Please encourage your patients to complete the FIT (screening) kit when they receive it. For any further information or queries please contact [england.gmsit@nhs.net](mailto:england.gmsit@nhs.net)



(Item 2) GP Flyer Age Extension Reminder -

## Faecal Immunohistochemistry Testing update

Thank you to our PCNs for the work you have done to increase the use of FIT in the LGI referral pathway. Please continue to use FIT for high and low risk referrals as previously discussed. Please also continue to use the patient FIT leaflets.

There have recently been some British Society of Gastroenterology Guidance released which recommend FIT before referral in all suspected referrals for lower GI cancer except those with rectal/anal masses or ulceration. These guidelines will be adopted in Greater Manchester at some point but at present there are no changes to the referral pathway. We will notify you of any changes to the pathway in the future.

## Non Specific Symptoms (NSS) Suspected Cancer Referrals (NSS): Primary Care based urgent investigations:

All GP practices across Greater Manchester now have access to the NSS referral form. As a result, there has been an increase in the number of referrals on this pathway into each locality's Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC). In addition to a full clinical assessment and examination, it is important for the referrer to arrange the tests outlined below and review their results before referring the patient. Sending a referral without these mandatory tests can result in unnecessary delay.

Please note that these tests can be selected on **T-quest or ICE as a group request and the reason for requesting should be indicated as Suspected Cancer**. This hopefully guarantees all the individual tests are selected, without you having to request each one individually. If you are having any difficulty at all in accessing the panel of blood tests on either ICE or T-quest in your local trust, please do let Sue Sykes: [susansykes@nhs.net](mailto:susansykes@nhs.net) know and we will work with your local trust to rectify.

FBC	Coeliac screening (to be included if patient has weight loss)
Renal function	Urinalysis
Liver function	Thyroid function
Ferritin	Glandular fever screen – consider in patients under 40 with weight loss and/ or lymphadenopathy
Plasma viscosity/CRP	HIV screen
HbA1C	Myeloma screen (for > 30 only)
Calcium/Bone Profile	CA125 (female only)
FIT test (where available)	PSA (male only)

## Self-Referral Direct Access Chest X-Ray pilot success

We are pleased to announce that the Self-Referral Direct Access Chest X-Ray pilot went live on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. The pilot phase will allow for residents who are registered with a GP in the HMR and Bury regions to self-refer for a chest x-ray at either Rochdale, Fairfield or Oldham Hospital if they are over 40 and meeting certain criteria (cough 3 weeks+, SOB, etc).

(Patients contacting primary care should be managed as normal in line with locally agreed processes).

This pilot phase will be available for six months. During this time we will be reviewing data with the hope for further role out across Greater Manchester. We would like to extend our thanks to all those involved in the making of this project. More information is available at [www.gmcancer.org.uk/chestxray](http://www.gmcancer.org.uk/chestxray)

## GM Cancer Lung Health Podcast

Listen to our latest pod about the new Direct Access Chest x-ray pilot and the One Stop Lung Clinic that have both recently launched

Listen on [Spotify](#) or [Apple Podcasts](#)

## Gateway C Dermoscopy event on 12<sup>th</sup> September

Join the Gateway C Dermoscopy study day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September for the latest dermoscopy updates for primary care. Each keynote will refresh your skin cancer knowledge, enable you to learn how to functionally use a dermatoscope and provide opportunities for a Q&A. Lunch included, and all places are **FREE**. Confirmed keynotes include: **Melanocytic lesions, Vascular structure and BCCs, Benign lesions and Acral and facial lesions**. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3PNsH10>

## Early Detection Saves Lives Cancer Workshop

NHSE CORE20PLUS5 is organizing an online health inequalities workshop on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September from 1:30-4:15pm. Attendees will explore what we can do to improve outcomes and address inequalities by working with communities. The event will bring together North West partners including clinical leads, Primary Care Networks, health inequalities leads, policymakers, VCSE's and those with an interest in the early detection of cancer. See flyer and agenda circulated with this bulletin for more information.

## PCN Cancer Leads feedback

The Cancer Alliance team are very grateful for the ongoing input from you all as Cancer Leads. We need to make sure that you're getting what you need from us and understand how we might refine our relationship with you. We'd like to know whether there are any things we're not doing or not covering.

Additionally, we'd also like to understand more about how the Cancer Lead roles work for the practices in your PCN area. We will be in touch in the coming weeks and would much appreciate your feedback and advice on any changes we might make.



## Your thoughts...

Thank you to everyone who sent in their feedback about our funded programme of support to PCNs following last month's bulletin. Any further feedback or queries please direct to: [Lauren.kelly47@nhs.net](mailto:Lauren.kelly47@nhs.net). In particular: what works well, what doesn't work well, how do you feedback information to practices in your PCN, any general feedback or comments

## Coming soon....

- ✓ Mastalgia pathway
- ✓ Breast Cancer Animation coming out in September
- ✓ Ovarian Cancer Animation coming out in October
- ✓ Lung CT scan pilot will be rolled out