

Primary Care Network Bulletin: February 2022

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'How to complete your FIT' – guide for patients:

Please see the attached 'how to' guide that has been developed to support patients in completing their FIT sample. Please make sure practices in your PCN are asking patients to complete FIT tests as part of a Suspected Cancer Lower GI referral process.

REMEMBER: FIT SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO ACCOMPANY ALL LOWER GI SUSPECTED CANCER REFERRALS

Please refer to the links below for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idSqR5TSet0&t=31s>

<https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Lower-Gi-infographic.pdf>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng12/chapter/1-Recommendations-organised-by-site-of-cancer#lower-gastrointestinal-tract-cancers>

HRT and Breast Cancer:

Following recent media coverage and concerns around the messages regarding benefits and risks associated with HRT – the Greater Manchester Breast Cancer Pathway Board have developed the attached statement to clarify the position in GM. The attached document details the background and evidence associated with HRT and breast cancer.

“We strongly advise women not to start HRT whilst taking breast cancer treatments without a detailed and personalised discussion with their cancer team about the likely risks and benefits of doing so”

Cancer Care Review Questionnaire:

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As part of the Personalised Care Programme, Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance would like to support primary care in delivering high quality Cancer Care Reviews. To best do this, we would like to hear from all members of the primary care team, both clinical and non-clinical, about their current experience and understanding of Cancer Care Reviews. Whether you have undertaken cancer care reviews yourself or have never heard of them, your responses to this short survey will help inform us of how best to help and support practices going forward.

I would be grateful if you could disseminate the survey link below with the practices in your PCNs to share amongst their staff.

<https://forms.gle/Z7xFoxtQxxzsljm29>

The Personalised Care Programme are looking for a Practice Nurse and a PCN Manager who would like to join their working group that meets every two months. Please email me if you would like to get involved or find out more.

ANSWER CANCER

Bowel Screening Videos in Different Languages:

Answer Cancer have partnered with charity AskDoc to produce videos discussing Bowel Screening in fourteen community languages commonly spoken across Greater Manchester.

These videos provide crucial information on the NHS Bowel Screening programme, such as who is eligible, how it takes place and why it is so important to take part. By providing these messages in community languages, this will help people whose first language isn't English to be fully informed about Bowel Screening. This will help to increase screening participation rates amongst these communities, which is currently lower than the average across Greater Manchester.

AskDoc is a Greater Manchester voluntary sector organisation, which aims to engage, educate & empower the local BAME community. They achieve this by producing health information videos spoken by GPs in community languages, thereby giving people confidence that the material is accurate and trustworthy. These cover a range of topics, with a recent focus on Covid-19 and vaccinations, thereby helping to dispel some of the myths and misinformation that can spread. All of the Bowel Screening information videos can be accessed in a playlist on the Answer Cancer YouTube channel [here](#).



GatewayC: FREE online cancer education for primary care

GatewayC is a high-quality, evidence-based online cancer education programme, funded by [Health Education England](#).

GatewayC is supporting over 10,000 healthcare professionals across England to help boost their CPD, improve their cancer knowledge and ultimately support the early diagnosis of cancer. The content is presented across a plethora of different formats. So, whether you are a GP, practice nurse or student, GatewayC is a great place to access free and accessible online cancer education.

- [E-learning courses](#)

Courses include: Improving the Quality of Your Referral, Sarcoma – Early Diagnosis and Colorectal Cancer – Early Diagnosis, plus many more. [Find the full list of e-learning courses.](#)

- [Live and on demand webinars](#)

Topics have included: COVID-19 Vaccine for Cancer Patients, Early Diagnosis of Blood Cancers and Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) in Suspected Bowel Cancer, plus many more. [Find the full list of webinars.](#)

To register for **unlimited free access** to GatewayC, simply [click here](#).

GM Cancer Communications and Campaigns:

Please find attached the GM Cancer Alliance Monthly Campaigns Calendar for February.

Future PCN Cancer Lead Sessions:

Tuesday 1st March 2022: FIT and the Lower GI Pathway

Tuesday 29th March 2022: Long Term Plan Early Diagnosis position and Rapid Diagnostic Centre (RDC) update



Coming soon....

- ✓ Translated 2ww referral letters for patients
- ✓ Dermatology / Skin Cancer Pathway Update
- ✓ Head & Neck GM Live Webinar recording; Fast Facts links and infographic



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