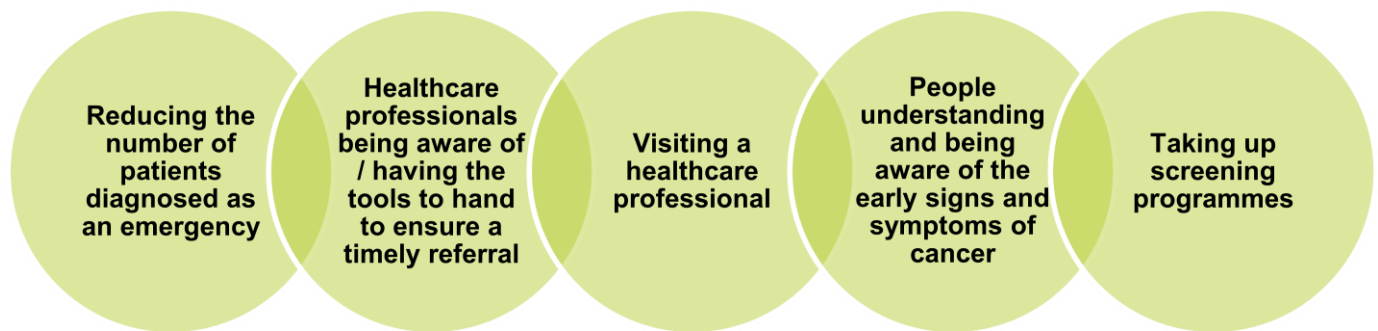# Early Cancer Diagnosis

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Background and Context

By 2028, **75% of people with Cancer will be diagnosed at an early stage** (stage 1 or 2). Earlier and faster diagnosis of cancer is dependent on identifying and employing a range of interventions

Reducing the number of patients diagnosed as an emergency

Healthcare professionals being aware of / having the tools to hand to ensure a timely referral

Visiting a healthcare professional

People understanding and being aware of the early signs and symptoms of cancer

Taking up screening programmes

Early Diagnosis Steering Group

Clinically led GM Cancer Early Diagnosis Steering Group with wide system engagement and involvement in the co-design and delivery of the Early Diagnosis work plan

2022-23 Work Programme

Primary Care Network Engagement: Cancer Leads

Primary Care Education

Referral Management and Improvement

Direct Access Chest X-Ray

Public and Patient information

Targeted Lung Health Checks

Screening: Work with screening commissioners and providers to increase

Primary Care Network Engagement- Cancer Leads

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are guided by the Direct Enhanced Service (DES) contract and are crucial to improving earlier cancer diagnosis. To support delivery of the DES and to implement early diagnosis interventions, we established a named Cancer Lead in each of the 66 PCNs in GM and communicate via monthly meetings and bulletins. Supported by their detailed knowledge of the communities they work in, we have successfully increased the uptake of FIT in Primary Care, provided PCNs with information in a range of formats and languages and enabled patient facing information to be shared via the Practice websites.