

Promoting Person Centred Care for people navigating life with cancer

Personalised Care Programme Board

The Personalised Care Board met virtually on 4th December. In addition to updates from each Delivery Group here are some highlights of the meeting:

- The Board now has representation from the **Cancer Support Workers** as we recognise how important this staff group is in delivering personalised care for our patients
- The Board heard about the **ACCEND Programme** (Aspirant Cancer Career and Education Development programme) and how this framework can be used to ensure the non medical workforce have the right level of understanding of personalised care to support them in their work
- The Board approved the **7 projects** that will be progressed through the Personalised Care Innovation Fund

The Board will next be meeting face to face in February. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the patient and carer reps Nic Clews and Mike Harrison

The Greater Manchester Cancer Conference and Awards are back in 2024! You can register for your tickets and find out more about entering for an award at www.gmcancer.org.uk/gmcc24. This is a great way to showcase the fantastic work you are doing! Awards close on 7th Feb.

Personalised Care Innovation Fund

We are really excited to see these projects taken forward in 2024/25!

- 1** Delivering innovative support for children with cancer, their parents/carers, and siblings - MFT and Beechwood Cancer Care
Delivered from a dedicated **community allotment**, this project will create a safe haven where people affected by cancer can come and connect with nature through a range of accessible gardening activities, alongside strong links to a network of supportive services. LEAP Children & Families Centre
- 2** The implementation of a sexual health digital educational resource for patients requiring information following pelvic radiotherapy - The Christie
- 3** Expansion of the service to offer Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR), Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to people with Cancer - Tameside & Glossop NHS Talking Therapies
- 4** A study to better understand the experiences of people living with treatable but not curable cancer, with the view of developing a new model of care - WWL
- 5** Creation of a Breast Endocrine side effects clinic - The Christie
- 6** This project will work to understand barriers to engaging with personalised care interventions for minority groups - MFT



Project Updates

Genomics

Highlights from the December Delivery Group meeting include:

- The Alliance is developing a 3-year strategy for embedding Genomics into oncology pathways which has been recognised as a crucial piece of work
 - Proposed genomics capabilities for the ACCEND framework have been drafted and will be taken to the national team
- Simran Chander - Project Manager**

The Live Well with Cancer Programme aims to map and promote the holistic offer across a patients entire pathway, from diagnosis to living with and beyond cancer for our patients and their carers in Greater Manchester. The premise is that everyone who has received a cancer diagnosis deserves high quality care that addresses their wider health and wellbeing needs. We will achieve this by understanding what is already in place, identification of any gaps and proposed solutions. This will be undertaken in phases across Greater Manchester boroughs. Following an intensive period of work in Tameside with multiple stakeholders who use and provide support and services to people affected by cancer, we have been able to map out the offer available throughout a patients pathway ([see report and infographic on our website link here](#)). We have also identified a number of actions to address gaps in services including an outreach holistic needs assessment clinic delivered to patients closer to home at The Bureau in Glossop, a cancer educational programme at Tameside Hospital for staff and continuation of the multi-stakeholder working group who will support ongoing improvements across the Tameside locality. The Personalised Care team will continue to engage with the stakeholders and offer advice and support to aid continuous improvement to the lives of people affected by cancer in Tameside and beyond. We are now starting to carry out this piece of work in the boroughs of Oldham & Bury and continue work started in Rochdale with plans to review all localities by the end of 2024.

Michelle Leach - Programme Manager

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Psychological support and mental health

We are pleased to announce we have now appointed Anita Ghosh to the Clinical Lead role for our Psychological Support & Mental Health workstream. The first of our Delivery Group meetings since this programme was moved from the Pathway Board Programme to Personalised Care was held on the 10th January. We look forward to updating you on the work of this group as we move forward within this new structure.

Michelle Leach - Programme Manager

PSFU Colorectal Protocol - As we work toward full implementation of Personalised Stratified follow up (PSFU), all pathways are working hard to agree their protocols. Have a look at the Colorectal PSFU Protocol on our [new PSFU Webpage!](#)



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Important dates



- Skin Education day 08/02
- PC Programme Board face to face 21/02
- Genomics Delivery Group 22/02
- Cancer Alliance response to 24/25 planning guidance due by march.

Patient/ Carer Rep involvement this month

Upcoming opportunities:

- Late Effects Delivery Group patient/carer rep
 - Psychological support and mental health patient/carer rep
- See the full list of opportunities [here](#)

New content for NHS Futures this month

Join our new CSW Chat Forum
Tameside LWwC Locality Report
PSFU Alert Symptoms for GPs

