# Cancer Board Paper

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| **Title of paper:** | Early Cancer Diagnosis Strategy for Greater Manchester |
| **Purpose of the paper:** | To seek Board approval of the attached GM strategy for early cancer diagnosis. |
| **Summary outline of main points / highlights / issues** | Improvements in the rate of early diagnosis have been seen over the past five years, at both Greater Manchester and England levels. Rates in Greater Manchester increased from 53.2% in August 2021 to 58.3% in July 2024, and the gap between Greater Manchester’s and England’s average is reducing. Seeing further progress in this rate isa core priority of NHS England, which has set an ambition of 75% of cancers being diagnosed at stages 1 and 2.  This is an actionable strategy to improve rates of early diagnosis for the population of Greater Manchester over the next five years. We serve a population of nearly three million people. Greater Manchester is an area of great diversity, with substantial ranges of socio-economic status, population structure and demographics. This strategy explores the potential for earlier diagnosis of cancer across Greater Manchester and identifies priorities and the next steps needed to  achieve this goal.  **Our vision for Greater Manchester is simple, yet profound:** a future where everyone with cancer receives equitable and timely early diagnosis. We want to ensure that every person, regardless of their background or where they live, has access to the highest standard of care from the moment they first seek help. By raising public awareness, addressing health inequalities, and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation, we believe we can achieve this vision and make a significant difference to the lives of many. |
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