

West Midlands Cancer Alliance Update

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Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome and thank you for reading. Every ICS and every team in the West Midlands are a constituent member of the West Midlands Cancer Alliance (WMCA) and valued stakeholder, and each newsletter is designed to include relevant content for you. The aim is to better coordinate the vast amount of information and events associated with cancer that will be useful in building knowledge and shaping the work we do, individually and collectively to improve outcomes and increase survivorship for the West Midlands population. You are welcome to disseminate this newsletter within your teams.

Sarah Hughes
Managing Director, Midlands Cancer Alliances

PRIMARY CARE FOCUS

Primary Care Cancer Focus – Dr Jim McMorran

How does stopping smoking affect the risk of head and neck cancers?

Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) patients who are current smokers when diagnosed have inferior clinical outcomes compared to never-smokers or previous smokers.

A retrospective, case-control study (n = 134) showed that (1):

- odds of complete response to first-line therapy were 3.7 times higher among smokers at diagnosis who quit before treatment initiation (quitters; n = 55) than among those continuing to smoke (p = 0.03)
- disease-free survival was also higher among quitters (aHR, 0.33; 95 % CI, 0.12–0.90; p = 0.029)
- quitters were 67 % less likely to die of all causes than active smokers (aHR, 0.33; 95 % CI, 0.15–0.71; p = 0.004)

A systematic review and meta-analysis found (2):

- smoking cessation reduces risk of head & neck cancer by ~half with strong effect on duration of cessation.
- **a protective effect is apparent within first 5 years of cessation.**
- **risk of head of neck cancers is comparable to non-smokers after 20 years of cessation.**

Reference:

1. Krutz M et al. Tobacco cessation after head and neck cancer diagnosis is an independent predictor of treatment response and long-term survival. Oral Oncol. 2022 Nov;134:106072. doi: 10.1016/j.oraloncology.2022.106072.
2. Khalifeh M, Ginex P, Boffetta P Reduction of head and neck cancer risk following smoking cessation: a systematic review and meta-analysis BMJ Open 2024;14:e074723. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2023-074723

FOR INFORMATION

BSOL Cancer Bus Tour:

The West Midlands Cancer colleagues went along to the first NHS Birmingham and Solihull Cancer Bus Tour to support our ICB colleagues. Two members of the West Midlands Cancer Alliance Team had their blood sugar level checked by the nurse undertaking health checks.

It was good to see a range of people speaking to ICB colleagues and nurses and having health checks for blood pressure, blood sugar and liver checks. The purpose of the bus tour is to encourage people who are experiencing potential signs of cancer to contact their GP practice to help increase earlier diagnosis and improve outcomes.

Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System
Caring about healthier lives

NHS

Cancer bus tour

2 - 6 September 2024

Speak to healthcare professionals about how we can work together to catch cancer as early as possible.

- **Birmingham Open Market**
Monday 2 September, 10am to 4pm
- **Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre**
Tuesday 3 September, 10am to 4pm
- **Aston Tesco Superstore**
Wednesday 4 September, 10am to 4pm
- **Northfield Shopping Centre**
Thursday 5 September, 10am to 4pm
- **St Andrew's Shopping Park**
Friday 6 September, 10am to 4pm

Visit our website or scan the QR code to find further information about the bus tour.
birminghamsolihull.icb.nhs.uk/cancerscreening



The West Midlands Cancer Alliance are completing a mapping project of prehabilitation services across the region and conducting a gap analysis to inform improvement plans and agreements for sustainable commissioning and delivery of prehabilitation interventions and services. Prehabilitation is an intervention that takes place before cancer treatment to reduce side effects, complications, and enhance recovery.

There are two questionnaires for completion, one looking at prehabilitation services and the other at increasing physical activity.

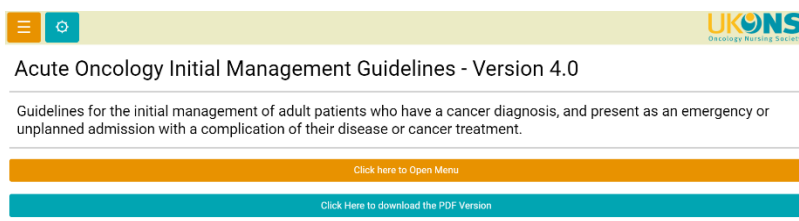
- [Prehabilitation Services Questionnaire](#)
- [Increasing Physical Activity Questionnaire](#)

Please share this widely across your Trust with staff who will be able to provide cancer prehab input such as, Therapy services and Dietetics. Please contact the project team if you need any further information:

- Laura Blaney -Quality Improvement Facilitator - laura.blaney@nhs.net
- Sandra Smith - Programme Manager - sandra.smith140@nhs.net

UKONS Acute Oncology Initial Management Guidelines App (v4.0)

The UKONS triage tool is available as a mobile app. Download the app via the Android or Apple app store and search for “**UKONS Sundown Solutions**”. A web-based version can also be accessed at: <https://www.sundownsolutions.co.uk/sites/UKONS/EN/index.aspx>.



New WMCA Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) guidelines:

The following new guidelines have been ratified by the WMCA board for implementation in all West Midlands services with immediate effect:

- Guideline for the use of **Bisphosphonates** and other Treatments to Reduce Skeletal Events in Adult Oncology and Haematology Patients, July 2024 v1.0
- Guideline for **Hypomagnesaemia Management** in Adult Oncology and Haematology Patients, July 2024 v1.0

The following guideline has been renewed pending publication of the national guideline:

- Guideline for the **Management of Extravasation** of a Systemic Anticancer Therapy including Cytotoxic Agents v3.0, 2024.

These guidelines can be accessed on the [website](#).

GatewayC

We are pleased to share with you GatewayC's **Communications Assets and Campaign Calendar** for **September**.

You will find a range of resources to share with your networks including:

- [Blood Cancer Awareness Month assets](#)
 - [GPs Talk Cancer series 2 – Ep 4 Myeloma](#)
 - [Urological Cancer Awareness Month assets](#)
 - [Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month assets](#)
 - [Hereditary Cancer Awareness Month assets](#)
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Accend:

The ACCEND team have been working with their stakeholders to create two new courses for those who would like to learn the specialist skills and capabilities needed to work in cancer care. More information about the courses is available on the attached flyers and links below or email a member of the team for more information england.accend@nhs.net

University of West England (UWE)

- Clinical Leadership and Professional Development in Cancer Care - [Clinical Leadership and Professional Development in Cancer Care - Professional/ Short Course - UWE Bristol](#)
- PG Cert in Cancer Care - [Cancer Care - PG Cert - UWE Bristol](#)

Birmingham City University (BCU)

- Professional Development and Clinical Leadership in Cancer Care - [Professional Practice - Health CPD Course Birmingham City University \(bcu.ac.uk\)](#)

If you have any queries, please do contact the ACCEND Programme Team on england.accend@nhs.net

[BCU Cancer Care CPD.pdf](#)

[Clinical Leadership and Professional Development in Cancer Care-flyer.pdf](#)

[PGCert Cancer Care flyer UWE and DH.pdf](#)

GatewayC

We are pleased to share promotional assets for series 2 episode 4 of GatewayC's GPs Talk Cancer podcast. Linked is a [communications pack](#) for **Episode 4 – Myeloma**. This pack includes:

- Suggested social copy/visual assets
 - Newsletter and bulletin copy
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Insight Update

News from the Insight & Voice team: June 2024

2024 GP Patient Survey results to be published: Results from the 2024 [GP Patient Survey \(GPPS\)](#) will be published at 9.30am on Thursday 11 July 2024. The suite of materials includes national, integrated care system (ICS), primary care network (PCN) and GP practice level data. There will be headline [infographic](#) slides, as well as a more detailed [national report](#), along with [ICS](#) and GP practice slidepacks and an [interactive PCN dashboard](#).

The publication of the 2024 survey results will be the start of a new time series for GPPS. This means that trend data for previous years of the survey will not be presented alongside the 2024 results, as it would normally be. The 2024 results are not comparable with previous years because of two significant changes which have been made to the survey in 2024:

- New questionnaire - the questionnaire has been updated to make sure it continues to reflect how primary care services are delivered and how patients experience them. However, even for those individual questions where the wording has remained the same as in previous years, analysis has shown that trends cannot be reliably presented.
- Changes to the survey design - the methodology of the survey has changed to an 'online first' approach. This is designed to improve response rates and reduce costs. The new approach will encourage a higher proportion of online responses, with a paper questionnaire only enclosed in the last postal reminder. Testing has shown that this change in methodology will lead to differences in results which are not due to a change in patient experience, so trends cannot be reliably presented.

Publication of the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey and Under 16 Cancer Patient Experience Survey results: Due to limited analytical resources, the results of the 2023 [National Cancer Patient Experience Survey](#) and 2023 [Under 16 Cancer Patient Experience Survey](#) will be published as detailed below. We are aiming to publish the following outputs in line with the timings for previous years:

- National Cancer Patient Experience Survey: National, Trust and Cancer Alliance quantitative data (including Exceles, reports and infographic) will be published, and qualitative workbooks shared with Trusts, on 24 July 2024.
- Under 16 Cancer Patient Experience Survey: National and Principal Treatment Centre quantitative data will be published, and qualitative workbooks shared with Principal Treatment Centres, in November 2024*.

*Please note that dates are estimated. The exact publication date will be announced one month prior to publication in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics. It is our intention to publish the following outputs later, with the exact timing of outputs being dependent on resourcing but we hope it would be within six months of the first tranche of outputs where at all possible, and as soon as resource allows:

- National Cancer Patient Experience Survey: Integrated Care Board quantitative data, national qualitative report, easy read reporting, long format data tables, and the online dashboard.
- Under 16 Cancer Patient Experience Survey: National qualitative report, easy read reporting, and the online dashboard.

We apologise for the delay in sharing some of the data. If you have any queries, please contact the NHS England Insight and Voice team at england.insight-queries@nhs.net. **Patient Experience Library Training Tracker:** The [Patient Experience Library](#) provides a [Training Tracker](#) to help people find courses on patient experience and patient and public involvement. The courses are not provided by the Patient Experience library, but for further details, and to book places, you can contact the course providers via the links. The tracker is updated monthly.

Innovation:

The West Midlands Cancer Alliance are proud to have received notice that four of the five SBRI bids that we have been supporting have gone through to the next stage for potential funding. We will be supporting innovators in the coming months to help meet SBRI's phase 2 criteria prior to subsequent

interviews in October 2024; with a view to bringing the latest innovations to patients across the region. For further information, please contact Daniel Bates: Daniel.bates3@nhs.net



The Stoptober campaign resources are now available to download from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). These can be used throughout September and October to help raise awareness of the campaign and encourage smokers to plan their quit attempt. They include:

- Campaign toolkit containing key messages, stats and facts, overview of assets, suggested social media posts and ideas for evaluation.
- Digital posters
- Social media assets (static and animated)
- Graphics for digital screens
- Email signatures

[DOWNLOAD RESOURCES NOW](#)



Campaign overview:

Stoptober is the Department of Health and Social Care's annual stop smoking campaign, based on evidence that if a smoker makes it to 28 days smoke-free, they are five times more likely to quit for good. Since it first launched in 2012, Stoptober has helped over 2.5 million people make a quit smoking attempt. With your help, this year we aim to encourage the remaining 5 million smokers in England to give quitting a go this October and support them to quit successfully.

Searching 'Stoptober' directs smokers to the Better Health website, where they can access a range of free support, tools, information and advice on quitting smoking. There is also a postcode lookup tool to help them find their local stop smoking service.

Stoptober is a little different this year as there will be no national paid media campaign, so your support is more important than ever. Alongside using the resources above, we strongly encourage you to create your own communications such as PR, case studies, blogs and displays, particularly to encourage smokers to access local quitting support.

Join the Stoptober webinar:

ASH is hosting a webinar on Monday 9 September where we will provide an overview of the Stoptober resources on offer. It will also include updates from regional tobacco control programmes who will demonstrate how local and regional stakeholders can amplify national comms and maximise the impact in their area. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

Midlands Diagnostics Newsletter August:

Please find below the August edition of the Midlands Diagnostics Newsletter. We are presenting the newsletter in a new format using Sway. To read, please click the link below, and please feel free to forward it widely. Link to [August edition of the Midlands Diagnostics Newsletter](#)

Teledermatology:

The WMCA Tele-dermatology and Skin Cancer Guidelines were ratified by the Board on 17th July 2024. These guidelines were developed by a task and finish group which has been working to standardise and streamline protocols across the West Midlands. These guidelines offer options and expectations around the provision of tele-dermatology and skin cancer services recognising national implications and patient needs. For further details, please contact Carolyn Parker: Carolyn.parker3@nhs.net. Please see link below for guidelines:

<https://wmcanceralliance.nhs.uk/component/rsfiles/download-file/files?path=EAGs%252FSkin%252FDocuments%252FEnc%2B6%2B-%2BWMCA%2BBoard%2BTele-dermatology%2Band%2BSkin%2BCancer%2BGuidelines%2B1.pdf&Itemid=236>

Midlands Outpatient Transformation Programme Newsletter - July 2024:

Please find below link to the latest Midlands Outpatient Transformation Programme Newsletter. Should colleagues wish to know more about any of our workstreams, we encourage you to contact us via our team inbox england.midsopandec@nhs.net and we'd be happy to discuss with you.

[Outpatient Transformation Programme Newsletter](#)

EVENTS UPDATE

WMCA Expert Advisory Group (EAG) Meetings:

Please see below details of upcoming WMCA EAG Meetings. Please note that these meetings are for EAG Members only. For more information about joining these meetings, please email: rwh-tr.wmcanceralliance@nhs.net

3 rd September 2024:	Lung EAG
10 th September 2024:	Urology EAG
10 th September 2024:	Gynae EAG
11 th September 2024:	EAG Chairs, Deputies and Clinical Pathway Leads Meeting
16 th September 2024:	SACT EAG
18 th September 2024:	Primary Care EAG
19 th September 2024:	Cancer Trust Manager& Lead Nurses Meeting
19 th September 2024:	HPB EAG
20 th September 2024:	Brain & CNS EAG
26 th September 2024:	Psychosocial EAG
1 st October 2024:	MSCC AO & CUP EAG
3 rd October 2024:	Breast EAG
4 th October 2024:	Head and Neck EAG
11 th October 2024:	Radiotherapy EAG
17 th October 2024:	SACT EAG
29 th October 2024:	Psychosocial EAG

***Please note that dates are correct at time of publication**

Cancer Awareness Events

Cancer awareness days, weeks and months are important in helping us to spread awareness and show support for people living with cancer. Increasing cancer awareness in more deprived areas could help to reduce health inequalities and improve cancer outcomes. Having cancer awareness will give you the confidence to speak to a doctor if something doesn't feel normal to you, as spotting cancer early increases the chance of survival. Please see attached link for details:

[Cancer Awareness Calendar.pdf](#)

UK Skin Cancer Clinical Trials Group

The Group is actively looking to expand representation from the following fields and disciplines, to ensure we have expertise from across the spectrum of clinical trial design, development and conduct. If you have expertise in the following fields, or work with colleagues who do, please cascade this email through your networks as an invitation to participate in driving the national UK platform of academic skin cancer research:

- Pathologists
- Statisticians / Trials methodologists
- Clinical trial operations / management
- Pharmacists

We are aware that with fixed clinical commitments, always having the meeting on the same day of the week may be difficult for some participants to be involved. We have decided for now to have bi-

monthly meetings alternating between Tuesday and Thursday 4-5pm. The idea is that sub-groups should then be able to spin out and have their own meetings as they become more active.

Next planned meeting dates:

Tuesday 3rd Sept 4-5pm
Thursday 7th Nov 4-5pm

Terms of Reference

You can read the Terms of Reference document for the UKSCCTG [here](#).

Gynaecology Operational Delivery Network Board Meeting

The Gynaecology Operational Delivery Network was established to improve the pathways and reduce disparity of care for women with diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer across the West Midlands. The board meet on a quarterly basis with primary, secondary, and tertiary colleagues providing updates on existing work programmes and to discuss the establishment of future work plans. List of all future dates for 2024:

10th September 2024: 9am – 11am

For further details for this meeting, and for calendar invitations, please contact: Eden Tagg, Gynaecology operational delivery network manager: Eden.tagg@uhnm.nhs.uk

Personalised Care in Cancer Conference:
Wednesday 25 September 2024: 9.30am to 3pm
Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham, B12 9QH

The Personalised Care in Cancer Conference is taking place on Wednesday 25th September at The Midlands Art Centre Birmingham (registration links below). It promises to be a jam-packed event, with attendees gaining valuable insights and learning about best practices to gain a greater awareness and understanding of personalised care in cancer. It will also include stalls hosted by colleagues from across the system and beyond, including the Personalised Care team at University Hospitals Birmingham, Macmillan, Bowel Cancer UK and Breast Cancer Now.

To book your place, please [click here](#) and for any queries, please contact [Kafilla Munir](#), Cancer Partnership Improvement Manager, NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB



Newcastle
Clinical Skills
Academy
Lifelong Learning



The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

New suite of online courses led by independent cancer educator Dr Elaine Vickers

We are delighted to announce a new programme of courses this year covering a range of new topics in collaboration with Dr Elaine Vickers. Elaine has worked as a cancer educator for over 20 years and is passionate about demystifying the science behind cancer biology and the latest cancer treatments such as kinase inhibitors, monoclonal antibodies and immunotherapies. Our latest courses are:

Targeted Treatments and Immunotherapy for Solid Tumours: Demystifying the Science

Thursday 5 and 19 September 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (Virtual delivery via MS Teams)

Fees £150

This course gives cancer nurses and trial staff the knowledge and confidence to discuss a wide range of targeted cancer treatments and immunotherapies with patients and colleagues.

Novel Immunotherapies for Solid Tumours

Thursday 3 October 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (Virtual delivery via MS Teams)

Fees £75

This course emphasises the progress made in developing novel immunotherapies for solid tumours, such as CAR T cell therapy, TCR-engineered T cell therapy, tumour infiltrating lymphocytes, T cell engagers, and vaccine-based treatments.

Beginner's Guide to Cancer Immunotherapy

Tuesday 22 October 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (Virtual delivery via MS Teams)

Fees £75

This course will introduce the science behind many forms of immunotherapy - what it is, how it works, and who it's given to - including immune checkpoint inhibitors, treatment vaccines, and CAR T cells.

Introduction to Precision Cancer Medicine

Tuesday 12 and 19 November 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (Virtual delivery via MS Teams)

Fees £150

The fundamental idea of precision medicine is to offer each cancer patient a treatment approach that is tailored to the unique biology and genetics of their disease. This course provides an understanding of the concepts that underlie precision cancer medicine and both its promise and limitations.

Payments:

You can pay by either using a credit card or arranging for invoice payment directly with your employer by using the coupon code **INVOICE** at the checkout to make a booking. Please note your booking will remain provisional until your request has been validated with funding/study leave approval. Find out more about payment for our courses in our [FAQ section](#).

SACT and Acute Oncology conferences / podcast:

UK Acute Oncology Society conference

Theme: Transforming acute oncology – everyone's business

Friday 27th September 2024 at 8:30am – 4.30pm

The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre, Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4EW.

The SACT Board annual conference

Thursday 28th November 2024

The Pullman London St Pancras Hotel

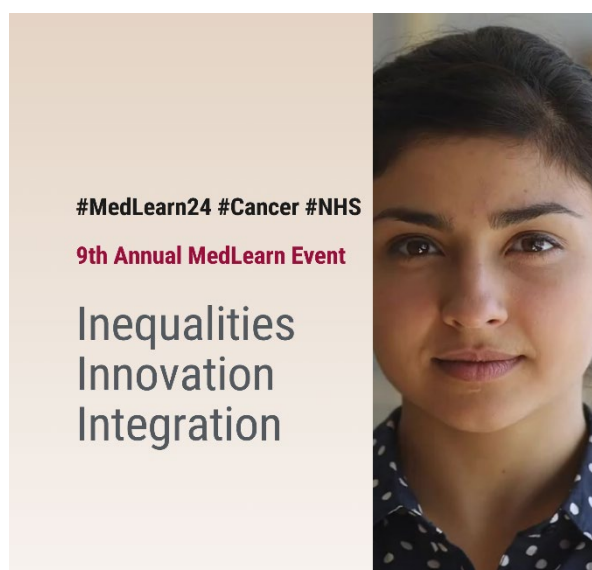
The Immunobuddies Podcast:

This weekly podcast is led by Dr Ricky Frazer and Dr Anna Olsson-Brown and is aimed at anyone with an interest in immunotherapy and its development. Discussions focus on the dilemmas, challenges and progress made in the management of patients receiving immunotherapies to treat cancer.

Join us for the 9th Annual Virtual MedLearn Event, "**Inequalities, Innovation, Integration**" hosted by Medicine Gov and partnered with the British Asian Cancer Charity on the Medicine Gov YouTube Channel, premiering on November 19, 2024. View the attached video clip for details.

This event is complimentary for the NHS and small charities, convening oncology and healthcare professionals to tackle cancer disparities experienced by all diverse population groups — encompassing variations in care access, treatment outcomes, and research opportunities. Discover pioneering oncology solutions, collaborative approaches to cancer diagnosis, treatment, and research, and contribute insights to advance cancer services.

Explore more about the three workstreams and how to submit a video to be featured in MedLearn24 and actively promoted for three months at <https://medicinegov.org/>.



VACANCIES

West Midlands Cancer Alliance Vacancies:

The West Midlands Cancer Alliance (WMCA) is one of twenty-one Cancer Alliances across England, one of the largest Alliances in the country. WMCA covers a large geographical area of 6 counties: Birmingham and Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, The Black Country and Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.

The West Midlands Cancer Alliance team is hosted at Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust working across the wider West Midlands footprint. These roles require regular travel across the Midlands and the team meet face to face in Central Birmingham once a fortnight. Please see below for full details of our current vacancies:

Band 6 PMO Officer: <https://bit.ly/3SUjTty>

Band 8A Workforce and Education Manager: [Job vacancy: Workforce & Education Manager, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, Birmingham | trac.jobs \(healthjobsuk.com\)](#)

Please contact Jillian Guild (jillian.guild1@nhs.net) for further information.

Please be advised that all vacancies are also advertised on [NHS Jobs](#). The closing date for all vacancies is midnight on Sunday 8th September 2024, however please note, depending on the volume of applications received, this vacancy may close earlier than the date specified.

WMCA Expert Advisory Group Recruitment:

The West Midlands Cancer Alliance are currently in the process of recruiting to vacancies for the following Expert Advisory Groups (EAG's):

- Haematology EAG **Deputy Chair**
- Children's EAG **Deputy Chair**
- MSCC AO & CUP EAG **Deputy Chair**
- Upper GI EAG **Chair**
- Head and Neck EAG **Deputy Chair**
- Gynae EAG **Deputy Chair**
- Radiotherapy EAG **Chair and Deputy Chair**
- Urology EAG **Deputy Chair**
- Psychosocial EAG **Chair & Deputy Chair**

We are looking for candidates based on the following criteria:

- Ability to deliver national and regional work programme obligations.
- Demonstrable collaborative working with West Midlands Cancer Alliance.
- Experience with service change at scale.
- Credibility as a Cancer specialist in the West Midlands region.
- Regular attendance at EAGs or member of a Task and Finish group.
- Must be a current member of the West Midlands EAG group.

Candidates are asked to send their expressions of interest forms (see attached below) via email with accompanying CVs, stating why you would like to apply for this post, what you can bring to the post and your relevant experience for the role of Chair / Deputy Chair for the EAG to the following email: angela.gould1@nhs.net **by 5pm on Friday 6th September 2024.**

EOI Form: [Expression of Interest Form.docx](#)

WMCA Funded 12-month Clinical Pathway Improvement Lead – Head and Neck

The West Midlands Cancer Alliance is funding 12 months of clinical lead time equivalent to 1PA per week, to support the development and implementation of plans incorporating achievement of 28 FDS and 62 Day Constitutional Standards with a focus on priority pathway improvement work across Head and Neck Cancer Pathways.

We are currently seeking to recruit to the Head and Neck Clinical Pathway Lead vacancy. Should you wish to discuss this role further, please contact Lydia Fresco, Clinical Director, WMCA – l.fresco@nhs.net

Candidates are asked to send their expressions of interest forms (see attached below) via email with accompanying CVs to Angela Gould: angela.gould1@nhs.net no later than **5pm on Friday 6th September 2024.**

EOI Form: [Expression of Interest Form.docx](#)

NHS Central and South Genomics

Help Central and South Genomics reduce turnaround times for genetic testing in cancer.

A national programme of work to improve turnaround times for genetic cancer testing has been commissioned by NHS England. Central and South Genomics (C&S Genomics) covering Wessex, the Thames Valley, and the West Midlands is seeking expert advisers in Oncology (Solid Tumour), Haemato-Oncology, Clinical Genetics, Cancer Surgery and Radiology for one PA/0.1 WTE a week for the six months from September 2024 to March 2025 to support this work.

C&S Genomics includes both the Genomics Laboratory Hub and the Genomic Medicine Service Alliance and will be working to deliver on a set of agreed actions across pathways to improve turnaround times and ultimately patient care. Expert advisers will join the fortnightly project group meeting to steer the project and contribute to action plans. They will also support C&S Genomics in extending its network and provide on-the-ground input and advice in their given area of expertise. Each appointment will be based on expertise, and equally importantly become part of a multi-disciplinary team that will work together to take the entirety of the program forward. C&S Genomics recognises the importance of regional 'knowhow' to identify interventions which will result in rapid and sustainable improvements in each of the West Midlands, Thames Valley and Wessex sub regions.

To learn more about this opportunity and apply, [please click here](#).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Community Inspiration Awards 2024 shortlist follow up:

We are pleased to share with you that Melody Bridges, Senior Cancer Delivery and Improvement Manager, NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB has been shortlisted for the 12th Community Inspiration Awards 2024, in the Health and Wellbeing Award category. The annual Community Inspiration Awards is organised by Birmingham Community Foundation, to recognise outstanding contributions made by members of the community, staff from public sector organisations, charities, and businesses whose efforts have made a positive difference in the community and has inspired others. The Health & Well Being Award is to recognise the significant contribution made by a health practitioner or a team to improve health and well-being of the community through their continuous dedication and commitment to help others going beyond their call of duty. The Awards ceremony will take place on Friday 20th September 2024 where the finalists and the winners will be announced. We congratulate Mel on this fantastic achievement and wish her the very best of luck!

Contact us:

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters or believe we have missed something, please share what you are seeing with us, and we can distribute across the Region:

Please also share with us achievements and things to celebrate across the region, including awards won, recognition of good practice and mentions for colleagues who warrant special recognition who may be leaving us. Please submit on a fortnightly basis on Wednesday's.

- Angela Gould, West Midlands Cancer Alliance: angela.gould1@nhs.net