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Faecal Immunochemical Testing

As discussed in previous PCN Leads Sessions, the BSG guidance states that **ALL suspected cancer referrals for the lower GI pathway must be accompanied by a FIT result.** This will help with earlier and faster diagnosis by identifying or ruling out lower GI cancer. This is in line with national planning guidance for 2022-23. These changes are coming into effect in GM by January 2023 and referral forms are being revised to reflect this.



As a reminder, we have FIT leaflets and animations on the [GM Cancer website](#) to guide patients with the FIT kits.

[Completing a FIT test from your GP \(non-screening\) - YouTube](#)

Secondary care colleagues have been asked not to reject any lower GI referrals **BUT** it is very important to undertake these tests and ensure referral criteria are met. If there are any issues with rejected referrals, please contact Ali Jones (alison.jones8@nhs.net), Sarah Taylor (sltaylor@nhs.net) and/or Lauren Kelly (lauren.kelly47@nhs.net).

Dermatology Briefing for Primary Care

The Dermatology service across Greater Manchester is facing considerable service resilience risks across a number of providers. A briefing note has been prepared by Dr Sarah Taylor, Dr Stephanie Ogden and Ali Jones and was shared with all PCN Cancer Leads on 28.11.22.

To reduce pressures in dermatology, the Cancer Alliance will shortly be sending specific training materials related to identifying seborrheic keratosis with a dermatoscope, which should not be referred on the Skin 2ww pathway. Where this is available, please use Advice and Guidance and provide good Macroscopic, Dermoscopic and locator images so secondary care clinicians can give feedback and potentially avoid face to face clinic appointments for benign lesions.

Whilst the Cancer Alliance and GM system cannot mandate that no referral is made to a GM dermatology service without a prior face-to-face primary care appointment, we would strongly encourage GPs in GM to ensure this is the case.



Prostate Targeted Case-Finding Project- PCN Leads session

Our PCN Leads session tomorrow will feature the prostate case-finding project, targeting the at-risk cohort of people with prostates who are:

- >45 years old and of black ethnic origin
- >45 years old and have a Family History of **prostate** cancer.
- >50 years old

Thank you for your patience regarding the search on GP practice systems that coded the family history of ALL cancers- the search is currently being updated across all systems.

We are looking forward to hearing from Shagufta Perveen, who will be speaking about the prostate case finding project Milltown PCN ran in Oldham earlier this year.

Identifying the people with prostates who did not come forward for PSA counseling during the Covid-19 pandemic would be impossible without the resources in primary care, and your role as PCN Cancer Leads, so please share any thoughts or concerns during the session.

Dermoscopy Infographic

DERMOSCOPY OF
MELANOCYTIC LESIONS
THINK A-G



Following the dermoscopy training day on the 12th of September, GatewayC have released an infographic covering the main features to assess on a skin lesion before making a skin cancer referral. The pdf is attached to this email.

Skin Club

Please note due to annual leave over the festive period, Manchester Skin Club **will not** be taking place in December. The next virtual lunchtime education session will be on **Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 12:45-13:30** lead by clinicians from Salford Care Organisation. This session will be looking at hair disorders. If you would like the Teams link to attend this session, please contact Louise McGarvey in the Service Improvement Team at l.mcgarvey@nhs.net.

PCN Early Cancer Diagnosis DES - Activity Tracker

To support the delivery of the requirements of the PCN DES for Early Cancer Diagnosis, Greater Manchester (GM) Cancer Alliance with the support of GM localities have prepared a document to be completed by PCN Cancer Leads.

We would encourage all PCNs to complete the document as the information provided will help shape the ongoing support that will be provided to PCNs by GM Cancer Alliance and partners in relation to fulfilling the requirement of the DES for this year and it will also be used to guide support planning for next year. The information gathered will be collated by GM Cancer Alliance and will be shared with locality commissioners.

To support the role of the PCN Cancer Leads, GM Cancer has allocated each PCN £3,000 and PCNs will need to invoice GM Cancer using the details provided to the PCN Cancer Leads.

Please contact us if you require any further information relating to either the Activity Tracker or the support funding:
gmcancer.earlydiagnosis-primarycare@nhs.net

Cancer Academy Lung Cancer Event

The annual lung cancer engagement and education event was originally taking place on the 15th of December 2022, Manchester City Centre. Due to the Royal College of Nursing strike on the same day, **this event will now be rescheduled.**

All health and social care staff involved in lung cancer care across GM can pre-register to hear about ongoing developments via the GM Cancer Lung Pathway board. Details will be held on record until a new date is confirmed.

This event is CPD accredited, with 5CPD points for attendance.

View the agenda here: [1816 A5 Leaflet Template v2 \(gmcanceracademy.org.uk\)](https://1816A5LeafletTemplatev2.gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

Sign up here: [Annual Lung Cancer Education & Engagement Event Tickets, Thu 15 Dec 2022 at 08:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Clinical Decision Support Tools launching in March

Initial testing of the tool is progressing. Those practices who expressed an interest in piloting the tool will shortly have access to the tool and they will be encouraged to provide feedback. As part of the rollout, GM Cancer Alliance will be hosting an event on the morning of **March 7th 2023** to allow practices an opportunity to use and comment on the tool. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Happy Holidays!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your work this year, and we're looking forward to continuing our work together in 2023!



Coming soon....

- ✓ PCN Cancer Leads Session – January 2023 – Updates to 2ww Referral forms
- ✓ Dermatoscope Training Day -12th September - Fast Facts video
- ✓ Cervix visualisation guides distribution
- ✓ Cancer Forum video recording



Any feedback or queries please direct to:

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