

## Data Quality Cancer Newsletter – January/ February 2023

### CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT TOOL – THINK CANCER

The DQ Service has developed a clinical system tool that will prompt healthcare professionals to Think Cancer should any symptoms associated with Cancer be entered in a patient record. The tool is currently being piloted across volunteer sites in GM and will be further enhanced based on feedback.

The team will then be installing the tool across all sites in GM by the required deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### TOOLS INSTALLED FOR PRACTICE USE

#### Cancer Diagnosis – No Fast Track Referral

Searches were produced on behalf of the GM Cancer Alliance to identify number of patients with a Cancer diagnosis that do not have a fast-track referral coded in their record up to 6 months before the date of diagnosis. Practices were advised to review these patients/records to improve referral practice.

#### Network Contact DES

Searches have been created to support the Cancer requirements of this DES, i.e. Lower GI / Colorectal Fast-track referrals with a FIT result in the relevant timeframe.

#### Suspected Cancer Referral Forms & Patient Letters

Suspected Cancer Referral forms have been created and installed with corresponding patient information letters / translated letters which auto-populate with relevant demographic and clinical information. The process has been simplified to guide healthcare professionals through the referral process and automatically file the correct coding into the patient record.

### TOOLS IN DEVELOPMENT

#### Case Finding

Searches to identify patients with associated codes or medication but no diagnosis of Cancer will be developed for practices to work through and code accordingly, if applicable.

In addition, the following searches will be created to accompany the suite of case finding searches:

- Abnormal results, no follow-up
- Fast-track referral with no patient letter given
- Patient letter given with no fast-track referral

### REGULAR QUARTERLY DATA EXTRACTIONS

#### Cancer Care Reviews

The NHS Christie Foundation Trust has requested that the following data is extracted from GP systems across GM following a pilot in Bury, Oldham, Tameside, Salford and Stockport which

monitored if the funding of the Cancer Care Co-ordinators across 10 PCNs improved patient care and satisfaction. The data being extracted is listed below and is not patient identifiable:

Total Practice Population, QOF Indicators (Registers, Denominators and Numerators): CAN001, CAN004, CS005, CS006, broken down by: Practice Postcode, Ethnic Origin, LD Register, MH Register

Data is submitted on a quarterly basis to:

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### Prostate Searches

As part of the PCN DES, each PCN is required to develop and implement a plan to increase the proactive and opportunistic assessment of patients for a potential prostate cancer diagnosis in population cohorts where referral rates have not recovered to their pre-pandemic baseline. The DQ Service has created some searches to support your practice / PCN with this requirement.

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### Screening Searches (Breast / Bowel / Cervical)

National planning guidance requires Cancer Alliances to support PCNs with the delivery of the Early Cancer Diagnosis DES. The extract of the cancer screening programme searches will enable support to be targeted and will inform the GM level work on this DES requirement. Only total figures will be shared – not any patient level detail.

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### Tele-Dermatology Searches

The NHSE/I Cancer Programme team require data from all Cancer Alliances to show the proportion of cancer referrals made using tele-dermatology. The collection and reporting of this data will also enable the Cancer Alliance to support Practices and PCNs with the work on tele-dermatology as detailed in the PCN Early Cancer Diagnosis DES specification. The searches will be installed, and data extracted (figures only) to provide to the GM Cancer Alliance.

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**Data Quality Support**

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