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**Cancer Screening Training for Primary Care**

The first training session ran by the GM Screening and Immunisation Team was held on, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, which was an overview of all 3 cancer screening programmes, the recording of the session is available at [Cancer screening - Greater Manchester Primary Care \(gmprimarycare.org.uk\)](https://gmprimarycare.org.uk). Upcoming sessions are below:

**27<sup>th</sup> April, 1-2pm:** Call and Recall to contact non responders:

- National call and recall processes
- Opportunities for in house call and recall

**8<sup>th</sup> June, 1-2pm:** Breast screening (aimed at practices with an upcoming breast screening round)

**13<sup>th</sup> July, 1-2pm,** Cancer screening for patients living with a learning disability

**24<sup>th</sup> August, 1-2pm:** Cancer screening for LGBT communities, including trans and non-binary patients

[Sign up for the above sessions](#)

**Prostate Casefinding Project Manager – Millie Wadley**

Millie Wadley joined the GM Cancer Alliance on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March as the Project Manager for the mobile van prostate cancer case finding project. Millie started in the NHS with the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme and was awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Healthcare Leadership in 2020.

Millie has undertaken roles in clinical commissioning groups and frontline leadership, most recently in her role at Salford Royal as the lead operational manager for a number of departments including Urology, Gynaecology, Trauma, Orthopaedics and Plastic Surgery.

**Mobile Van Project**

A clinical mobile van will be visiting locations across Greater Manchester based on areas with high populations of black men over the age of 45 and men with a family history of prostate cancer, over the age of 45.

The Primary Care Briefing for the mobile van was sent out separately, which includes a request to send a Prostate Cancer UK risk checker SMS to patients when the van is in your PCN area. Find out more about the van at <https://gmcancer.org.uk/this-van-can/>

**PCN Feedback – PCN DES Activity Update and Event Feedback**

Thank you to all those who returned the PCN DES activity update, over three quarters of PCNs responded, and also to those of you who attended the event earlier this month. The feedback received has been very positive and has been used to help shape our planning for this year. Directly in response to the comments received we will, as a priority, be focusing on the development of:

- Revised role outline for the PCN Cancer Leads
- Data and PCN planning packs
- Education and training schedule for the year
- Support roles and mechanisms for locality networks
- Capacity building in locality
- Audit and quality improvement workshops

A summary of the output from the workshop held at the event has been circulated to PCN Cancer Leads and feedback can be forwarded to us at: [gmcancer.earlydiagnosis-primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:gmcancer.earlydiagnosis-primarycare@nhs.net)

**The 2023/24 Network Contract Enhanced Service Early Cancer Diagnosis Support Pack for PCN's was released on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Access it [here](#).**

## Think Cancer – Clinical Decision Support Tool progress

Locality	Number of Imports Completed	Percentage	Comments
Bolton	27/49	55%	TPP and Vision being installed this week. Remaining EMIS sites should also be completed.
Bury	25/25	100%	Complete
HMR	32/36	89%	Scheduled to complete this week.
Manchester	83/83	100%	Complete
Oldham	36/36	100%	Complete
Salford	38/38	100%	Complete
Stockport	11/33	33%	Process to be introduced for all imports to allow remaining sites to continue
Tameside	29/31	94%	Scheduled to complete this week.
Trafford	/25		Awaiting information from Primary Care IT
Wigan	/56		Local DQ Team to confirm

## Haematology Afternoon for Primary Care – 17<sup>th</sup> May

This education event brings colleagues from Primary Care together to explore best practice in diagnosing and investigating patients with suspected blood cancers.

Suitable for all healthcare professionals working in Primary Care across Greater Manchester and East Cheshire who may be involved in the diagnosis of patients with blood cancers. [View the agenda and sign up.](#)

## The Cancer Forum

Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance have funded a FREE study afternoon focused on cancer updates for GPs and other primary care professionals. Lunch and a Q&A with your local cancer specialists included.

Confirmed topics:

- Using FIT in the lower GI pathway
- Lung cancer in non-smokers – the 8<sup>th</sup> most common cause of cancer
- Paediatrics
- Prostate cancer, PSA and case finding
- Improving early detection of cancer in the homeless population.

Online and in-person places available. **Register here:** <http://bit.ly/3St1jHM>

## Coming soon....

- ✓ PCN Cancer Leads Session – Prostate Case-Finding Searches Share and Learn - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- ✓ PCN Face To Face Away Days – Programme TBC
- ✓ Cancer Academy free education days - [Greater Manchester Cancer Academy](#)

## Cytosponge Pilot

Cytosponge is known as a pill on a string. The tethered pill is swallowed by the patient, the pill dissolves, revealing a sponge, which collects oesophageal cells as it is pulled back up. The sponge is analysed by pathology for abnormalities. The procedure is well tolerated and generally doesn't require any recovery time. Cytosponge is being piloted nationally, with three sites in Greater Manchester; Royal Oldham Hospital, Salford Royal Hospital, and Leigh Infirmary.

Patients with symptoms of reflux or on surveillance for Barrett's can take part in the pilot. Triaging for cytosponge is a lengthy process, as the nurse has to review the whole PTL to identify suitable patients.

Once patients are identified, the nursing team contact the patient to explain the procedure as an alternative to an endoscopy, and ask for their permission to appoint them for cytosponge. Most patients have never heard of cytosponge before being contacted for the pilot, and are hesitant to take part as their GP informed them they would have an endoscopy.

**GPs can support the pilot by identifying potentially suitable patients and explaining a little about cytosponge to the patient.** This will ensure the patient is aware of the procedure before being contacted by the nurses at the pilot site, and give them confidence that their GP is aware of the procedure.

If you would like more information on the cytosponge pilot, please contact Sophie at [s.walker21@nhs.net](mailto:s.walker21@nhs.net).

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