

## Primary Care Network Bulletin: May 2023

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### Education Survey for PCN's

We will be continuing to work with GatewayC to produce educational webinars, fast facts and infographics aimed at primary care professionals to improve early cancer diagnosis, we would like to hear from GM PCN Cancer Leads.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out this survey:  
[PCN Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://surveymonkey.co.uk)



### Skin Awareness Week – 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May

The GM Cancer Communications team have developed social media content that will focus on how to protect yourself in the sun, how to check your skin and what symptoms to look out for. Whilst the messages are universal, there will be a focus on 3 specific groups of people:

- White adults 50+, male and female, from areas of least deprivation (this group is the largest group presenting with symptoms)
- LGBTQ+ community (specifically men who sleep with men or MSM) – where there appears to be growing instances of skin cancer due to sun seeking behaviour / sunbed use for aesthetic reasons
- Parents of children under 12 – as protection in childhood is important in preventing skin cancer in later life.

The social media pack can be viewed using the following link: [Sun Smart social pack - Google Drive](#). Included is suggested wording to accompany the graphics. Please share this locally including social media platforms using [#GMSunSmart](#).

Our social media platforms can be accessed by following the links at the end of the email signature accompanying this bulletin.

### Share and Learn – PCN Cancer Leads Sessions

As discussed in the PCN Cancer Leads session in April, we will be featuring a "Share and Learn" section as part of future meetings focusing on projects and developments related to the service requirements of the PCN DES.

We are looking for short presentations outlining projects undertaken in PCNs so that we may share experiences and development opportunities. Please contact us if you have anything you would like to share.

Our first session will be on bowel screening, and we will be joined by Sarah Jones and Sarah Pountain from the Screening and Immunisations Team.

### Suspected Cancer Referrals – Resources

**Don't forget** – please encourage practices in your PCN to ensure their patients are aware when they're being referred on a Suspected Cancer Pathway – resources available here which are also accessible via GP systems

[Primary care education and resources - Greater Manchester Cancer \(gmcancer.org.uk\)](https://gmcancer.org.uk)

### Dermoscopy educational resources

Dermoscopy is a really useful tool when assessing lesions, and in primary care can be particularly helpful in differentiating seborrhoeic keratoses from melanocytic lesions. Using a dermatoscope can also help to identify vascular lesions and basal cell carcinomas. Watch the dermoscopy Fast Facts videos [here](#) or view the dermoscopy A-G infographic (attached to this email).

### Clinical Decision Support Tool – Training Video

As a reminder for how to navigate the Clinical Decision Support Tool on GP systems, the Data Quality team have produced a training video from the Primary Care event held in March.

<https://youtu.be/JH29kIkE1AM>

### Labelling of FIT kit – reminder for practice staff

GM Pathology labs are requesting that GP practice reception staff check that a patient's FIT is **correctly labelled** when the patient returns their FIT to the practice. Feedback from GM Pathology labs shows that this step of checking if a FIT is labelled is highly effective at reducing the number of rejected samples.

### Self-Referral Chest X-Ray Survey

Greater Manchester Cancer have been running a Self-Referral Chest X-Ray pilot in HMR and Bury since July where patients have been able to self-refer for a chest x-ray if they meet a list of pre-defined criteria. The end of the pilot is approaching, and the project steering group are starting to build and evaluation document with recommendations for next steps of the project. The steering group are keen to gather primary care feedback on the project as part of the evaluation.

The below survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete, and the project steering group would be grateful if you would complete it by **COP on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

[https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/preview/previewId/f4513f0b-b270-4ce7-8f44-b78fccb76d64/SV\\_e3rzVqtomz7Rc4S?Q\\_CHL=preview&Q\\_SurveyVersionID=current](https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/preview/previewId/f4513f0b-b270-4ce7-8f44-b78fccb76d64/SV_e3rzVqtomz7Rc4S?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current)

If you have any queries about the survey or the project, please contact the Project Manager [sarah.lyon7@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.lyon7@nhs.net) in the first instance.

### 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. Places available in person or online.](#)

### Primary Care Smear Takers – Survey for PCN and GP Practice Managers

The Screening and Immunisations team have sent out the below surveys to primary care to understand current provision of and barriers to cervical screening to inform future initiatives. If relevant, please complete the short surveys below before the **19<sup>th</sup> of May**.

Survey for PCN managers : [click here to complete](#)

Survey for GP practice managers: [click here to complete](#)

### Coming soon....

- ✓ PCN Cancer Leads Session – 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- ✓ Cancer Academy free education days - [Greater Manchester Cancer Academy \(gmcanceracademy.org.uk\)](http://gmcanceracademy.org.uk):
  - ✓ **26 June**: Urology Pathway Education Event (DoubleTree Hilton, Manchester)
- ✓ Seb K and AK Skin Training event for Primary Care – October 2023

What's Next?

Any feedback or queries please direct to:

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