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PCN Support Payments

PCNs will have been contacted to invoice GM Cancer for the remaining support payment for 2023/24. This payment is related to providing an action plan and attending meetings and events.

Early Diagnosis and Primary Care Facilitators

Facilitators have started making contact with PCNs to offer their support. Their role is further explained in the email that accompanies this bulletin.

Reminder: Cervix Visualisation Guides

The GM Cancer Alliance sent out cervix visualization guides to all GM practices in March 2023. Please ensure your practices have received a guide and smear takers are referring to the guide.

Training opportunities for sample takers, including a 2 hour eLearning module: [2023-01-Training-for-GP-sample-Takers-V2.pdf](https://gmccancer.org.uk/2023-01-Training-for-GP-sample-Takers-V2.pdf) (gmccancer.org.uk)

Catch up on the "Recognising Cervical Cancer" training here: [Cervix Forum December 2022.mp4](https://vimeo.com/2022.mp4) (vimeo.com)

GM Cancer Alliance and Primary Care: Ambitions for Early Diagnosis 2024/25

Join the GM Cancer Alliance on the 20th of March for a face-to-face meeting and contribute to Early Diagnosis plans for 2024/25. We will review work undertaken over the last year and set out our ambitions to support primary care. The event will conclude with the GatewayC Gynaecological Cancers webinar from 12:30-1:30. An agenda for the morning is attached to this email.

Sign up for **the event**: [GM Cancer Alliance and Primary Care: Ambitions for Early Diagnosis](#)

Sign up for **the webinar**: [Gynaecological Cancers Webinar Tickets](#)

Suspected Cancer Referral Forms – 2024 Update

The annual review of the Suspected Cancer Referral Forms has been complete, and the 2024 forms are on the vast majority of GM GP systems, with the outstanding practices due to be complete imminently.

All forms can be found on the GM Cancer Alliance website: [Suspected cancer referral forms - Greater Manchester Cancer \(gmccancer.org.uk\)](https://gmccancer.org.uk/suspected-cancer-referral-forms)

Please delete all versions of previous forms and check that referring clinicians are using the updated forms to ensure there are no triage delays in secondary care.

The Cancer Forum: Non-Clinical and Admin staff

The Cancer Forum returns on Tuesday 20th February 2024! Join us and GatewayC for a free study afternoon covering key cancer topics and the latest pathway updates. This Cancer Forum is for **non-clinical and Admin primary care professionals**. Please distribute the attached pdf to non-clinical staff in your networks including receptionists, admin staff and practice managers.

Confirmed topics include:

- Introduction to Diagnosis of Cancer
- FIT
- Data Quality Searches and Updated Referral Forms
- Public and Patient Communications

Register now: <https://bit.ly/3GLf5k0>

Patient Workshops on Skin Lesions for Primary Care

17th February 2024

NHS Greater Manchester and Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance are hosting a series of half-day education sessions for professionals working in Primary Care. These sessions are closely aligned with the DECIDE Dermatology ethos rolled out in 2018-19.

The workshops include top tips from specialists, supporting diagnostic decision-making and shared decision-making for benign lesion management.

Workshop Link: [Skin Academy - Greater Manchester Cancer Academy \(gmccanceracademy.org.uk\)](https://gmccanceracademy.org.uk)

Upcoming education and training events

We're interested in your feedback on the education events provided by the GM Cancer Alliance, and want to know if they are still suitable for you regarding content, location and timings. Please could you complete this short questionnaire to shape future education events: [Greater Manchester Cancer Educational Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://surveymonkey.com)

GM Escalation process for rejected cervical samples

In Greater Manchester, over 1000 cervical screening samples are rejected each year in line with NHSE Guidance for acceptance of cervical screening samples in laboratories and pathways, roles and responsibilities. Reasons for avoidable rejections include samples being taken out of programme, in out-of-date vials, or for labelling errors. This puts additional pressure on primary care and the processing laboratory and leads to poor experiences for the patients who in some instances must attend for repeat cervical screens.

From January 2024, the GM Screening and Immunisation Team in collaboration with the Primary Care Workforce Team are launching a 12-month cervical screening quality improvement programme. There will be a funded cervical screening quality improvement nurse in each locality, whose aim will be to implement the GM agreed escalation process, to support the reduction of rejected samples to a never event. The role will be a supportive for cervical screening sample takers who have one or more rejected samples over a rolling three-month period. The aim will be to improve quality in the programme, reduce rejected cervical screening samples to become a never event, ensuring a high-quality service and a positive experience is maintained for patients. If you have any queries, please contact england.gmsit@nhs.net

The Late Effects of Cancer and its Treatment for Primary Care Professionals Webinar

6th March 2024, 12:00-13:30

This is the first in a series of educational offerings for all primary care and community colleagues about the consequences of cancer and its treatments, often termed 'Late Effects'. This programme has been shaped by feedback from primary care colleagues. This webinar will focus on identifying late effects in a primary care setting.

Suitable for all Primary Care Professionals involved in the care of people affected by cancer.

Registration Link: [The late effects of cancer and its treatment for primary care professionals - Greater Manchester Cancer Academy \(gmcanceracademy.org.uk\)](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

Greater Manchester Cancer Academy Haematuria Course

The Greater Manchester Cancer Academy is pleased to offer an interactive eLearning course focused on haematuria care.

This course comprises of 3 modules focusing on presentation, investigations, flexible cystoscopy and Trans-Urethral Laser Ablation (TULA).

Suitable for all HCPs involved in the treatment and diagnosis of haematuria.

Course Link: [Urology Education Courses & Resources - GM Cancer Academy](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

GatewayC Renal, Bladder and Testicular Cancer Fast Facts: [GatewayC Bitesize Greater Manchester RBT - YouTube](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

Cancer Research UK – Talk Cancer

GM Cancer Alliance have commissioned Talk Cancer and Train the Presenter sessions from CRUK to train and give confidence to people in their ability to talk about cancer in their communities.

Wednesday 21 February (online workshop – 10am-12pm)

Wednesday 28th February (Train the Presenter – 10am-4pm)

Thursday 7th March (online workshop – 2-4pm)

Tuesday 19th March (online workshop – 10am-12pm).

Sign up here: [Other Educational Offerings - GM Cancer Academy](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

Coming soon....

- ✓ PCN Cancer Leads Session – 27th February
- ✓ GM Cancer Conference, May 2024- [GMCC Cancer Conference - GM Cancer Academy](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)
- ✓ Cancer Academy free education days - [Greater Manchester Cancer Academy \(gmcanceracademy.org.uk\)](https://gmcanceracademy.org.uk)

Any feedback or queries please direct to:

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