



Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance

July/August 2019 update

As part of our communications and stakeholder engagement plans, the Cancer Alliance would like to ensure that our stakeholders are kept informed on the latest news and developments across the Alliance.

A message from Lucy Turner, Programme Director

July started with a very successful Breast Cancer Stakeholder event for our Living With and Beyond Cancer work-stream. I was delighted to meet more stakeholders from across the HCV Cancer Alliance and witness the energy and passion in the room for transforming services for our patients. We were fortunate to have colleagues from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance with us and I think the level of collaboration and partnership across boundaries is going from strength to strength.

I have spent a good deal of time out and about across the Alliance this month, including chairing the Cancer Alliance System Board at Grimsby Hospital at the start of July and returning to Grimsby Town Hall at the end of the month to share our vision for the Cancer Alliance in the next five years with stakeholders.

HCV Health and Care Partnership are holding several more events where the Cancer Alliance will be sharing our vision, so please do join us as we would love to hear your views. A copy of our vision can be found [here](#).

Dates of future Partnership events:

Thursday, 15th August 2019 (1pm to 5pm): Priory St Centre, York CVS, 15 Priory Street, York, YO1 6ET. [Register here](#)

Thursday, 29th August 2019 (12.30pm to 5pm): North Lincolnshire The Baths Hall, Doncaster Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7RG. [Register here](#)

Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 (10am to 1.30pm): Bishop Burton College, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 8QG. [Register here](#)

Lung Health Checks

The Lung Health Checks (LHC) programme in Hull continues at pace with the Delivery Group and Working Groups progressing their respective areas of work in partnership with Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS, Hull CCG and NHS England.



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Discussions are taking place with all stakeholders to ensure the smooth running of the service and Hull University Hospitals NHS Trust is working hard to ensure staff and services are in place and supported in preparation for the start of the service, scheduled for autumn 2019. There are still significant challenges to overcome but partnership working is supporting the resolution to these challenges.

A discussion group took place at the end of July with community members to identify suitable community venues for the LHC service, to hear feedback on the patient information booklet produced by NHSE and to share information on the LHC to encourage those invited for a LHC to take up their invitations. This feedback will be used to inform future service development and it was also fed back to NHSE to support the development of patient information.

The Cancer Alliance System Board received papers and draft of a bid due to be submitted to Yorkshire Cancer Research for continuation of the LHC programme to other areas across the Cancer Alliance. The draft received overall support and will be further developed with stakeholders prior to submission in September.

Work also continues on the vision of Alliance lung cancer services for the future. This is to ensure that staff, diagnostic capacity and expertise are shared across the Alliance as well as supporting services to embed the required pathways for achievement of the 28 day faster diagnosis standard. A preliminary report was discussed at the System Board and the agreement for a phased approach was approved. Stakeholder engagement will continue to develop future lung cancer services.

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Cervical Screening – NHS England and NHS Improvement Briefing **Introduction of more sensitive testing process in cervical screening**

Following recommendations from the UK National Screening Committee, for the NHS cervical screening programme, cytology screening will be replaced as the first line of testing with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) primary screen due to the increased sensitivity of the test.

HPV is the cause of 99% of all cervical cancers, and this change could prevent around 600 additional cancers a year.

People partaking in the cervical screening programme will see no change. Samples will continue to be taken and the results returned in the normal way. This change is an improvement in the way the sample is tested.

To support the rollout of HPV primary screening by 2020, NHS England and NHS Improvement has recently undertaken an open and transparent national procurement



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process to secure service providers to implement HPV primary screening and deliver high quality and effective cervical screening services across nine lots covering the whole of England.

Following this process, we can confirm that Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust has been announced as the new provider serving the North East and Yorkshire region.

Commissioners are now in the process of working closely with existing cervical screening service providers across the North East and Yorkshire to ensure a safe and well managed transfer of activities to Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust.

It is planned that full geographical coverage of HPV primary will be achieved across England by the end of December 2019, and that the full consolidation of laboratories from 46 to eight will be completed by the end of March 2020.

We recognise that these changes will create some uncertainty for staff currently working within the service. NHS England and NHS Improvement are working to identify opportunities for retraining and redeployment across existing pathology networks and service providers will be touch with their staff to confirm transition arrangements.

We would like to thank you for your support with the wider changes to the programme as we move towards full implementation of HPV primary screening into the system, resulting in better outcomes for people and a continually effective cervical screening programme.

Diagnositics

Technical roll out of the radiology workflow solution is progressing well and the demo environment is now live and can be trialled by clinicians. The indexing stage will commence shortly and training in preparation for the go live date will take place during September. We are liaising with colleagues across the HCP and with neighbouring alliances about the potential to create an insourcing network. The lead radiologists are engaged in a series of discussions to shape the roll out of the tool in order to achieve best effect for patients.

We continue to work with colleagues to update the capacity and demand modelling tool and our tool is being shared with other cancer alliances as part of a range of options that can be used to support planning.

An initial meeting of the endoscopy clinical leads has been held and a review of the Right Care data was undertaken. Changes that have occurred since the data was gathered were described but it was agreed that further actions can be taken to improve the picture further, including standardising referral protocols and conducting productivity and efficiency reviews. Further clinical meetings will take place in September to commence collaborative workforce planning and to progress actions aimed at making best use of resources.



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Much of the data required to inform opportunities for joint procurement with endoscopy decontamination services has now been received and recommendations will be made shortly.

Rapid Diagnostic Centres

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published [Rapid Diagnostic Centres vision and 2019/20 implementation specification](#).

This document outlines the vision and approach for how Rapid Diagnostics Centres will develop and support the transformation of cancer diagnosis services over time. It also provides an implementation specification for Cancer Alliances to begin setting up RDCs in 2019/20.

The Cancer Alliance System Board meeting held in July 2019 received a joint proposal from the Treatment and Pathways and Diagnostic work streams, as each Cancer Alliance is required to submit their 4 year implementation plan by the end of August 2019. Support was given by the board to continue discussions regarding the proposals with Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS and York Trust for 2019/20 and also to include NLaG in the deliberations for implementation thereafter. Whilst the title refers to *Diagnostic Centres*, it is acknowledged that the ask is regarding *diagnostic pathways*.

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Rapid Diagnostic Pathways (Lung, Colorectal, Prostate and Oesophago Gastric)

Reporting of the 28 day and 62 day cancer waiting time standards continue to be reported and shared with key stakeholders. Nationally all Cancer Alliances are struggling to deliver CWT standards on priority cancer pathways. In Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance, performance on the colorectal pathway is particularly challenging.

Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance System Board has approved additional service improvement resource to support implementation of 'Straight to Test' pathways for Colorectal and Oesophago Gastric Cancer (by March 2019).

A clinical lead for the OG pathway has been identified (Matt Giles- York/Scarborough) and business meetings will commence from October 2019.

The structures and processes designed to assist implementation of Rapid Diagnostic Pathways are precursors for the introduction of site specific cancer groups across Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance.

Clinical Leadership in Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance

Following discussion at the Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance System Board on 8 July 2019, there was unanimous support for the re-introduction of Cancer Site Specific Groups, development of a Cancer Clinical Advisory Group and to re-advertise for a primary care



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cancer lead for the Alliance. These structures will be designed to ensure that clinical engagement is 'front and centre' of cancer work plans and aspirations. A progress report will be provided as an update to the System Board in September.

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Living With and Beyond Cancer

The Living With and Beyond Cancer Programme consists of two main elements – Risk Stratified Follow up and the Recovery Package. In line with the emphasis on personalised support and care outlined in the NHS Long term Plan, Risk Stratified Follow Up has been renamed “Personalised Stratified Follow Up” and the Recovery Package has become “Personalised Care Interventions”. This allows for ongoing and future developments and reinforces the importance on personalised care for those living with and beyond cancer.

Breast Cancer Stakeholder Event

This well attended multi-agency event was held on 1st July at Barton upon Humber. Colleagues from all three hospital trusts, Macmillan, Breast Cancer Care and Humber and Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance programme staff attended the event, along with patient representative, Zoe Bounds who presented. The event aimed to support stakeholders across Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance to implement risk stratified pathways for Breast Cancer patients by March 2020 in line with NHS England’s target outlined in the NHS Long Term Plan.

It was an important milestone on the journey of delivering personalised stratified follow up pathways for patients and working groups are now being set up to take this forward at Hull University Hospitals NHS Trust and Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospital Trust, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust implemented this for patients diagnosed from January 2019 and are monitoring progress.

A further stakeholder event is planned for January 2020.

Cancer Care Review Toolkit

The Cancer Care Review Toolkit developed by the Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance Living With and Beyond Cancer Programme can be found [here](#).

The toolkit attracting interest from several other areas who are looking at developing their own to support the delivery of Cancer Care Reviews and have found it on the internet with the LWBC Programme Managers receiving emails asking for more information about it. Primary Care practices in five out of six CCGs in the Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance area have now received their Cancer Care Review Toolkit folders after they were distributed in the East Riding of Yorkshire in June and July 2019.

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Humber, Coast and Vale Cance Alliance Programme Team

We reported in the last Stakeholder Update that in light of the 2019/2020 programme of work and new arrivals to the team, that a review of the Programme team structure was taken place. You can find a new structure for the programme team [here](#).

Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance website

We are delighted that Macmillan Cancer Support has funded the development of a new website for the Cancer Alliance. This has now gone live and can be accessed [here](#).

The website will be evolving over the coming weeks and months as we develop the content further. Our *About Us* film and patient stories are also being produced and our website updated further. Please get in touch with us if you would like to share any information, suggest additions or share news with us, we would love to include these on our website: comms.hcvcanceralliance@nhs.net.