



Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance December Stakeholder 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 Hayley Williams, Deputy Programme Director

I am delighted to share with you some of the work that has been facilitated across the system in the recent weeks and months.

The establishment of Clinical Delivery Groups with named clinical leads in place. The CDG will bring together health professionals across tumour site from throughout the system will come together to discuss patient pathways and ways to improve them.

The HCV CA have joined with colleagues from West Yorkshire and Harrogate and South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer Alliances and are meeting in January, to explore opportunities for mutual support, collaboration with a view to joint working to explore the Oncology pathway.

Teams across the system are working extremely hard to progress National work around RAPID and Optimal pathways and earlier diagnosis.

Recruitment:

HCV CA Managing Director

Phil Mettam, Senior Responsible Officer for the Cancer Alliance and Accountable Officer, Vale of York CCG, is leading the recruitment process for a Managing Director for the Alliance. The role has been advertised and is currently and applications shortlisted with interviews planned for Friday 10th January 2020.

HCV CA Primary Care GP Cancer Lead

I am pleased to announce that an Expression of Interest for the GP Cancer Lead was advertised during December, with interviews taking place in January.

Celebration Event - Save the date 5th March 2020:

We are incredibly pleased to be hosting a celebration conference on Wednesday 5th March at York Racecourse and you should have received a Save the Date calendar invite. National Cancer Programme Directors, Cally Palmer and David Fitzgerald will be joining us at the event along with presentations from across the Alliance. An agenda for the day will be going out in January to those who have accepted the date in their diaries. Please do get in touch with us if you have not received an invitation and would like to attend.

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Lung Health Check

The targeted lung health check service will start in Hull on January 27th 2020. Thanks go to all partners and staff involved for overcoming the challenges and timescales involved in implementing the programme. The lung health check service aims to diagnose more lung cancers at stage one and two when curative treatment is likely to be more successful. Other respiratory diseases such as COPD and other incidental findings will also be identified which will mainly be treated in primary care.

The service is a pilot and must follow the national NHS lung health check protocol which determined that all patients aged 55-74 +364 days resident in Hull and registered with a GP Practice who have ever smoked would be eligible. The half hour appointment will include a spirometry test and risk assessment by a nurse, if patients meet the risk score threshold they will be offered an immediate low dose CT scan on the mobile unit. In addition all current smokers will be offered smoking cessation advice and support.

Invitations are in the process of being sent to eligible patients at the Wolesley Practice in Hull followed by the Calvert and Newington Practice. The mobile lung health check unit will initially be based in the Lidl car park, Brighton Street, Hull until all initial lung health checks for that area are complete when the service will move to North Hull followed by East Hull. The aim is that by siting the unit in a local community more people are more likely to take up the offer of a lung health check, which has been the case in the Manchester pilot. A dedicated website has been developed for the lung health checks in Hull www.lunghealthcheck.org.uk where you can find further information about the service and view a short film. For more information please contact: trish.rawnsley@nhs.net

Diagnostics:

The National Imaging Strategy has been published and contains an ambition to develop imaging networks by April 2021. These networks will provide an opportunity to increase resilience and sustainability of services through better connectivity across sites, shared use of resources and better use of workforce, standardised processes and opportunities for joint procurement of equipment. Across HCV, we are already working on these elements but welcome the opportunity to develop a formal network as a vehicle to support continued progress and collaboration with neighbouring footprints.

In the interim we are moving forwards with the roll out of the radiology workflow solution and agreement about how this will be used to support best use of resources in and out of hours.

We are also planning to hold our first HCV wide review of Serious Incidents. This is planned to be in April/May 2020.

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The digital equipment for pathology has been installed and will initially support local digital working before being rolled out to support collaboration. We hope that by the end of next year, all tumour sites will have the capability to report digitally.

We are working with Health Education England and our clinical leadership group to develop plans for a regional training centre for endoscopy. Further meetings will be held in the new year to explore the potential for this and to start work on a business case, where required.

Rapid Diagnostic Centres (RDC)

The model for delivery of an RDC for serious non-specific symptom patients at York Hospital has been agreed and clinical leadership is in place. We are on track for the first patients to be referred to the pathway in January 2020. The pathway at Hull University Teaching Hospital has also been agreed and is on track to deliver on the ambitions that were submitted to the national team. A process mapping exercise has been completed to inform data collection and the next steps in the planning process.

A stakeholder event has been held in Northern Lincolnshire and intentions for RDC development are emerging on this footprint.

The five year planning template and guidance has been released and we will be holding further stakeholder discussions across HCV to firm up our intentions for the next few years and to agree how we allocate the national funding (circa 6.8m across four years). Our plans will be submitted to the national team in January 2020. For more information please contact: Michaela.golodnitski@nhs.net

Treatment and Pathways

The next Colorectal Clinical Delivery Group meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January at the Mercure Hotel Willerby. This meeting will see the final sign off of the Colorectal Operational Policy and the agenda will also include 28 day Faster Diagnosis Standards, the development of Inter-Provider Transfers guidelines Rapid Diagnostic Pathways and the implementation and streaming of MDT guidelines. The Delivery Group Meeting will also receive updates from Trusts around FIT implementation and data for low risk symptomatic patients (LRSP) across the area. FIT LRSP rollout and coverage across the Humber, Coast and Vale will be 100% by January 2020. For more information please contact: hayley.williams32@nhs.net

Living with and Beyond Cancer

Personalised Care Interventions - Holistic Needs Assessments

Holistic Needs Assessment (HNA) look at all aspects of a patient's life and not just those which are specifically clinical. HNAs focus on issues which are of particular concern to the person. For example, they may be to do with particular health issues but could equally be to do with finance if they have to be off work due to treatment, relationships, spiritual or religious concerns or who is going to look after their pets if they are ill! Many trusts use the

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Macmillan concerns checklist as the basis of their discussion on this. Some complete them on paper and some use an ipad or other electronic tool. As part of the personalised care interventions, patients can be offered a holistic needs assessment shortly after diagnosis, at the end of treatment or at any other time when it would be beneficial. A care plan will be drawn up and agreed to address the identified needs. All three trusts have been working on enabling more patients to benefit from accessing holistic care assessments.

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has been piloting eHNA telephone clinics with non-clinical members of staff - a Project Support Officer or Cancer Care Coordinator speaking with the patient over the phone; any clinical concerns are escalated to relevant clinicians; other issues are signposted to support services. Hull University Teaching Hospitals are working to ensure patients on every pathway will have access to an eHNA and health and well-being information / support. Permission has been gained to share infographics with breast cancer patients (developed by another provider) to help them understand what to look out for when concerned about recurrence. Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust have secured funding to purchase more ipads to assist with eHNAs. For more information, please contact: Alison.cockerill@nhs.net

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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