



THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #27 – AUGUST 2021

ALLIANCE UPDATES

- **Thames Valley Cancer Alliance Patient Partnership Launch (TVCA PPG):** We will be launching our patient partnership group on Tuesday September 7 alongside a recruitment campaign for a Chair to lead this group and join the TVCA Executive Board as a patient representative. Further details can be found at [Get Involved – thamesvalleycanceralliance.nhs.uk](https://www.thamesvalleycanceralliance.nhs.uk). for further information please contact l.cox7@nhs.net

OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- **The Central and South Genomic Laboratory Hub:** An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Medical Consultant to extend their existing role and become the **Cancer Genomic Medical lead for Central and South Genomic Laboratory Hub (C&SGLH)**. You will be a dynamic, forward thinking consultant who wants to provide a world class Genomics Laboratory service for the population served by C&SGLH.
The laboratories within C&SGLH include:
 - Oxford Genetics Laboratories, Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT; which includes the Oxford Regional Genetics Laboratories and the Oxford Molecular Haematology Laboratory
 - Wessex Regional Genetics Laboratory, Salisbury NHS FT
 - Wessex Molecular Pathology, Laboratory Medicine, University Hospital Southampton NHS FT
 - Molecular Pathology Diagnostic Service, University Hospitals of Birmingham NHS FT
 - West Midlands Regional Genetics Laboratories, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS FTThe lead contractor for C&SGLH is the West Midlands Regional Genetics Laboratory (WMRGL), based at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS FT. This sits within the Division of Genetics and works alongside the West Midlands Clinical Genetics Service. The GLH is a member of the Central & South Genomic Medicine Alliance (GMSA) who together deliver the Genomic Medicine Service to the population of the West Midlands, Oxford and Wessex.
You will remain employed by your existing organisation. The role is expected to require 1PA to be included in your Job Plan, for which your employing organisation will be reimbursed.
For further information go to [our Futures workspace](#) or contact any of the following:
C&SGLH Medical Director – Ed.blair@ouh.nhs.uk
Closing date: Friday 10 September 2021
- **Guy's and St Thomas' Virtual Cancer Genetics Course** is taking place over six half day sessions between 6 September and 9 November 2021. Guy's and St Thomas' Virtual Cancer Genetics Course will teach the core concepts of risk stratification using family history as a tool to enable patients to access appropriate management strategies.
The course is designed for all healthcare professionals working in primary care and specialist settings including oncology, breast care, gynae-oncology, gastroenterology and screening services. As with all relevant items in this Bulletin, the agenda and flyer are on [our Futures Workspace](#).
Participants will be equipped with the basics of cancer genetic counselling and sessions will include approaches to genetic testing, management of hereditary cancers and consent taking. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing events@gstt.nhs.uk.
- **Event: "Facilitating Adherence to Cancer Treatment and Symptom Reporting" half-day online symposium**
Date: 7th October 2021 **Time: 1.00pm – 4.30pm**
Event Overview:

King's College London and Guy's Cancer Academy would like to welcome you to a half-day online symposium, which will provide an opportunity to share up-to-date research findings about the challenges of adherence in cancer treatment adherence and symptom reporting and possible interventions to overcome those challenges. Speakers include Professor Jo Armes, University of Surrey, and Professor Sandra Spoelstra, Grand Valley State University Kirkhof College of Nursing, Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America.

Who should attend?

This event has been designed for multi-disciplinary academics and clinicians. Further information can be found on [our Futures workspace](#).

To register click please click [HERE](#)

Once registered you will receive the Zoom link invite nearer to the date and time of the event.

- **The Cancer Support Network:** Continuing to support the cancer community throughout Wokingham, Bracknell, Windsor, Maidenhead and Slough, the Cancer Support Network are always happy to offer their support service to new and existing members alike. They offer online and in-person group support through events, health and wellbeing programmes, peer to peer support, as well as signposting members to information to support their needs. To refer anyone into the network, please click [here](#). The group are planning their **Summer Social** get together on **Saturday 11th September** at South Hill Park Arts, in Bracknell. Join them for a fabulous Afternoon Tea – tickets are £16.50. Numbers will be limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment! [Book here](#).
- **National Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES):** For the first time since 2015, the CPES questionnaire has been extensively redesigned with the CPES Advisory Group, to reflect developments in cancer care and treatment, and national policy, including the publication of the NHS Long Term Plan. The questionnaire for 2021 has been reviewed to bring it up to date with current service provision and policy aims, taking account of feedback received from the survey stakeholders. The new questionnaire has been uploaded to the CPES website [here](#). The 2021 CPES fieldwork will begin in late October, with results available next year. For further information about the questionnaire's development and what it means going forward, please find FAQs [here](#).
- **Radiography Apprenticeship webinar details & additional guidance document:** Please see below details of a webinar that may be of interest, providing a general overview of the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Degree Apprenticeships. Please also find a national guidance document [in our Futures workspace](#), which provides an overview of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiography, Sonography and Mammography Apprenticeships. Please note - this is an ever-evolving piece of guidance that HEE hopes to expand and enhance moving forward to include additional apprenticeship options.
Radiography Degree Apprenticeship webinar: 22 Sept 21
National Radiography Degree Apprenticeship Webinar. Wednesday 22 September 21, 10am-12 Noon. Microsoft Teams Live Event - Link to join is [HERE](#). The event is a Microsoft Teams Live Event, which means that you won't be able to be seen or speak, but there will be a Q&A bar to send in questions for discussion, and the webinar will be recorded.
- **Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products - new e-learning materials now available:** Please find link below to new e-learning resources for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products. These materials might be of interest to cancer care healthcare professionals so please do share with your networks as appropriate - <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/advanced-therapy-medicinal-products/>

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