



THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #21 – JUNE 2021

Please note that documents referenced in this bulletin; are all available on our [NHS Futures workspace](#)

NEWS FROM THE ALLIANCE

- **TVCA gets a new look!** For those of you with a keen eye – you will have noticed some changes to our branding here at the Alliance! We are delighted to be able to share with you, our new website www.thamesvalleycanceralliance.nhs.uk. We welcome your thoughts and comments on this new site and hope that it will be a platform where we can build on our partnerships with you and share all the great work we are doing across the Alliance, to improve cancer care and outcomes, for our population. Our twitter and YouTube accounts have also been updated with the new look and we will also be sharing some ‘branding guidelines’ with our stakeholders, in the coming days, to ensure we have a consistent appearance and use of the new logo. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.
- We were delighted to be asked to present one of the sessions for this year’s **Oncology Professional Care virtual education event to discuss the TVCA FIT in Primary care pathway**. Taking place 9-10 June 2021 between 12pm and 5.30pm. The event will be streamed live and is tailored for Oncologists, Radiologists, Haematologists, Specialist Nurses, Specialist Pharmacists, Chemotherapy professionals, Cancer Services Managers, all oncology professionals. Free to attend, please click the link to book your space: <https://www.oncologyprofessionalcare.co.uk/thamesvalleyca>
- **The Cancer Improvement Collaborative Programme** improves experience of care in NHS cancer care services, drawing on data from the annual national Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) and other sources of insight and feedback. We are delighted to announce that for this year’s cohort 2021/22, the Alliance is putting forward **Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust**. This year there is one aim for the whole collaborative, for those participating; ***“Improve the explanation of diagnostic test results in a completely understandable way for adult cancer patients in ethnically diverse communities by a minimum of 10% by the end of February 2022”***

OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- Gateway C – have two webinars coming up. [Register to attend here](#).
 - **Diagnosing Cervical Cancer and Barriers to Screening Attendance**, Wednesday 23 June, 1-2pm.
 - **The Cancer Pathway: Supporting your Patient**, Wednesday 7 July, 1-2pm.
- Macmillan’s **Learning & Communications Hub**; launched on Wed 24th May, health and social care professionals can sign up straight away to explore their wide range of trusted educational and professional development content. Plus, professionals are able to connect and network with fellow health and social care professionals through the hub too. It will be running in parallel to the Learning Zone for the time being, until content has been completely mapped across. Macmillan Health Professionals have been sent a communication (see attached PNG if you wish to add) asking them to log in to their learning zone account, whereby they will be redirected to the new site [here](#). For those who have not signed up to the Learning Zone before they can access details [here](#).



- **Living Well with Bowel Cancer** – free virtual patient event: Bowel Cancer UK have shared details of an event they are hosting on Saturday 19, June from 10:30am-2pm. Please [see the flyer in our futures workspace](#) for more details and share with any patient groups you think may like to attend.
- The Exeter University team behind the **Electronic Risk Assessment for Cancer (ERICA)** trial are looking to recruit 100 additional GP practices to the study. The trial assesses the clinical and cost effectiveness of six electronic risk assessment tools (eRATs) for bladder, kidney, lung, colorectal, ovarian and oesophago-gastric cancers in general practice, with a view to increasing the proportion of early-stage cancers diagnosed. Full information for interested practice teams can be found [online](#) and in the [trial flyer](#). If you have any questions, please contact erica@exeter.ac.uk in the first instance.
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** is on the NICE website on their Covid-19 pages: <https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19/specialty-guides>

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