



## THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #24 – JULY 2021

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

### ALLIANCE UPDATES

- We are delighted to have welcomed **new members to our TVCA team** over the past month: A big welcome to Natalie Wright – Project Manager, Personalised care. Gaynor Chart – RDS Implementation Manager, Richelle Bailey - RDS Programme Support and Nana Baffoe – Early Diagnosis and Innovation Programme Manager. It is great to have you on board and supporting delivery of the TVCA plan for 2021/22 [Our Work – thamesvalleycanceralliance.nhs.uk](https://www.thamesvalleycanceralliance.nhs.uk)
- Exciting news... The **National TLHC – Targeted Lung health check programme** is coming to Thames Valley Cancer alliance as part of phase 3 of the programme. Following a review of TVCA CCG / PCN lung mortality, smoking rates (current and legacy) deprivation, potential impact on routes to diagnosis and staging we have proposed our first site as Swindon CCG and Great Western Hospital. Applications are being reviewed nationally; funding allocations will be expedited to support pilots starting April 2022.
- Encouraging **Patient Involvement for the Alliance**: From the start of July, the Alliance is promoting the opportunity for patients to get involved in helping shape and improve cancer services, via a rolling slide deck on the TV's in GP surgeries across Oxfordshire. The slides can be viewed on our [Futures Workspace](#). We'd like to thank Oxfordshire CCG for their support and working with us to get these slides on their screens. We welcome any feedback or invitations from other areas that we can share these slides with!
- We are launching our **TVCA Patient Partnership Group** on Tuesday 7th Sept from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. The group's membership will incorporate individuals with a lived experience of cancer, charities, commissioners, providers, community and voluntary sector organisations all working in partnership to provide their perspective and expertise, to inform all aspects and delivery of the Alliance's programme of work, ultimately helping to improve the health outcomes of TVCA's local population. The Chair of this group will report on the collective patient and public insight to TVCA's Executive Board. The process around the approach for recruiting a Chair will be taken to the Executive Board on July 20th for discussion.
- With thanks to many of you who submitted proposals to access the **TVCA allocation of the national additional recovery cancer funding (£20M)**. We received 22 applications which have been reviewed and scored. We unfortunately could not fund everything, but we have been able to broaden out some of the applications for review as part of the Rapid diagnostic services funding for 2021-22. The funded bids will be signed off via TVCA executive Board 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- **Latest news** from the National Cancer team: [£20million push to speed cancer diagnosis](#)
- Preparations are now underway for the 2021 national **Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES)** with a view to collecting survey samples from trusts during September. Surveys will be sent to patients in October. Each Trust has been contacted by the national team and asked to provide contact details for their survey lead who will then be invited to an information webinar



(scheduled for 4 and 10 August). If you have not received this email, or would like more information, please get in touch.

- **Tackle Prostate Cancer:** A series of Zoom workshops have been organised by Prostate Cancer Research, starting in August 2021 and running through to January 2022. These are designed for patients so please share these with your teams and any patient groups. A copy of the webinar series and booking information can be [downloaded from our Futures workspace](#).
- **Target Ovarian Cancer** have launched phase two of their project to break down barriers to the early diagnosis of ovarian cancer by releasing an animation and report, following a deep dive to understand the barriers to early diagnosis and identify how best practice can be replicated. A copy of their report is on [our Futures workspace](#) and their [animation can be watched on YouTube](#).
- The full **Lung Cancer Clinical Outcomes Publication (LCCOP)** report is [now available on their website](#), following the publication of the 2018 data tables in May 2021. The report offers a more detailed picture and provides recommendations based on the data.
- The **Cancer Education, Information and Support Service** at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust are based in the Cancer Care and Haematology Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. They are hosting a virtual event on Wednesday 28th July 2021, 1.30-2.30pm, for cancer patients of the Trust. The event will be facilitated by the Macmillan Oncology Physiotherapy Team. The topic will be "Benefits of Exercise for Cancer Patients". For further information and to register for this event please email [bht.cancer.inf@nhs.net](mailto:bht.cancer.inf@nhs.net) or phone us on **01296 316954**.
- Reminder: Look Good Feel Better are running a Men's Virtual Workshop on **Thursday, 29th July 2 pm to 4 pm** which will be hosted by men's grooming expert, Mark Sproston, aka the Shave Doctor <https://www.shavedoctor.co.uk/> and Sarah Addis from Look Good Feel Better. To make a booking please click [here](#).
- **Patient Activation Measure Workshop:** for those who were unable to attend, the workshop has been uploaded to Wessex Cancer Alliance website. [You can watch and listen again here](#).
- The **Cancer Quality of Life Survey** is a national survey run by NHS England and NHS Improvement and Public Health England. The aim of the survey is to find out how quality of life may have changed for people diagnosed with cancer. They want to see where care is working well or not so well, and if any new services are needed. To do this, the quality of life survey asks how people who have experienced cancer are feeling and their answers are compared with information about their cancer diagnosis and treatment. This will help to improve the way cancer services support people to live as long and as well as possible. Since December 2020, all people who have had a breast, prostate or colorectal (bowel) cancer diagnosis have been asked to complete the survey around 18 months after diagnosis. The response rate for this work has been over 50% - which means 1 in 2 asked to complete the survey have done so. From July 2021, QoL is entering a new phase, rolling out to all other cancers. From July, invitations will be sent to a 10% sample of patients from each of the other included cancers. This includes rarer and less survivable cancers. From Autumn, the plan is to roll out to 100% of patients with all other included cancer diagnoses. The first public release of data from the survey will be published in the Autumn. Initially this will include data from the first three cancer types, but more will be



reported as the survey expands. The data will be available to Cancer Alliance/regional level. Find out more about the [Quality of Life Survey](#)

- The South East **Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) Network** are hosting their first clinical forum on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 14:30-16:00**. This is an online event which will bring together multi-disciplinary professionals, from frontline staff to clinical leaders working in palliative and end of life care in the Southeast Integrated Systems (ICS). The forum is open to all staff working in palliative and end of life care in the Southeast. This includes colleagues from public, independent and voluntary sectors. *Please note, topics and agenda are currently in development, however, we would encourage colleagues that are interested in attending to sign-up via [Eventbrite](#) to stay updated with the forum development.*
- **Macmillan Cancer Support have published a report** based on their working age benefit research. The report builds on two pieces of qualitative research undertaken with people with cancer. The first of these involved working with people with cancer to co-produce a set of principles which articulate what they want and need from the benefits system, and the second looked into how their current experiences compare to these principles. Based on that, the report makes some broad recommendations as to the priorities for reform of social security. You can [read the full report here](#).
- **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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