

THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #39 – FEBRUARY 2022

ALLIANCE UPDATES

- **The TVSCN.nhs.uk website will cease on Monday 7 March 2022** The site hasn't been actively maintained since March 2020, but content has remained viewable via bookmarked links and browser searches, often accessing out-of-date information. Since June 2021, all current and revised clinical protocol information has been made available [via the TVCA website](#) (see below) and the [SE Clinical Delivery and Networks](#). To reduce the risks of accessing non-current information, the decision has been made to remove the TVSCN site. While re-directs have been created to smooth access to current documents, please [email us](#) if you have any issues accessing the protocols you need.
- **Update on chemotherapy regimens on TVCA website** Cancer Pharmacist Sally Coutts provides the latest update: The layouts of all but two of the tumour site pages have been updated to incorporate individual chemotherapy regimens. The updated chemotherapy regimens have been uploaded onto the [TVCA website](#). The remaining two tumour sites will be updated later in the year.
- **TVCA Urology Cancer Alliance Group** From the end of March 2022 Jeremy Crew Consultant Urological Surgeon, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, is stepping down from his role as Chair of the [TVCA Urology CAG](#). We would like to thank him for his valuable contribution and leadership to this group and wish him every success in the future. TVCA is currently in the process of recruiting a replacement.
- **Cervical cancer screening campaign (14 February to 14 March 2022)** This OHID campaign aims to improve knowledge of cervical cancer symptoms and debunk myths around HPV. The campaign will run on tv and radio. [TVCA is supporting the campaign](#) with website and social media activity to remind people with a cervix to not ignore the invitation for their cervical screening.
- **TVCA will support the first ever #NationalCancerCNSDay** on Tuesday 15 March 2022. The campaign will raise the profile of the Cancer CNS role to improve recruitment and retention, as well as demonstrate patients' appreciation of the Cancer CNS – more info will follow.
- **TVCA is Hiring!** TVCA is currently inviting applications for an Early Diagnosis and Innovation Programme Manager and also for a Senior Programme Manager – Cancer Performance. For more details on current roles, please visit the [Vacancies](#) page of the TVCA website.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Free online cancer education courses for primary care from GatewayC** [The courses](#) are designed by GPs and education specialists in collaboration with leading clinical experts and patients affected by cancer. All courses are accredited by the [RCGP](#) and follow [NICE NG12 guidance](#).
- **Macmillan education and development opportunities** are outlined [in the new prospectus](#).
- **The Cancer Rehab Team** is holding a virtual Health and Wellbeing workshop **Cancer & Psychology: Ideas and Tools for Coping with the Impact of Cancer** from 14:00-15:00 on Wednesday 23 February. See the attached leaflet for the topics of discussion, speaker info, and the MS Teams link.
- **Physical Activity in Clinical Care Training – Free Online CPD for Healthcare Professionals** Join Public Health England's free Online Physical Activity in Clinical Care Training for registered healthcare professionals across Berks, Oxfordshire, and Bucks. CPD certificates are provided on completion. Next dates are 13:00-14:00 on Tuesday 22 March and Thursday 24 March 2022. [Book here](#).

- The Oxford Regional Respiratory Meeting **free** annual multidisciplinary meeting for HCPs within the Thames Valley will be held 08:30-16:15 on Thursday 31 March 2022 at Milton Hill House, Abingdon – it is approved for five RCP CPD credits (code: 137659). To register, [click here](#).
- **Delivering Prehabilitation in Cancer Care** The CPD certified conference **Prehabilitation: Principles & Practice** will be held on Friday 22 April 2022. Chaired by Dr John Moore, the conference will provide a practical guide to deliver an effective prehabilitation programme. [Register for this event here](#).

OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- **The Faster Diagnosis Framework** has been finalised and can be viewed [here](#). The document sets out the NHS Cancer Programme's strategic approach to Faster Diagnosis of Cancer and outlines specific and measurable objectives and key requirements for Cancer Alliances until the end of 2023/24. Any questions, please contact england.cancerpolicy@nhs.net.
- **Maximising FIT Uptake** [Maximising FIT Uptake](#) has been published, including:
 - a recording and slide presentation of the FIT implementation meeting (31 January 2022)
 - a collection of helpful resources that Alliances have supplied, including a draft data sharing agreement, an outline data strategy, and a FIT support pack
 Cancer Alliance and Regional colleagues should be able to add resources directly to the FIT page.
- **Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse and Macmillan Cancer Support** are working on a joint project to improve services and support for people who have been affected by both cancer and domestic abuse. For more information, see the attached flyer, or [click here](#), or email the Project Coordinator [Eleanor Hepworth](#).
- **CQC Annual Stakeholder Survey** CQC has extended the deadline for participation in its annual survey to 28 February 2022, so 'the better informed we are, the better able we are to fulfil our purpose'. To submit your response, [open this link to the survey](#) (Google Chrome is the recommended browser).
- **4 February 2022 was World Cancer Day** Read the message from Cally Palmer, National Cancer Director NHS England, recognising the hard work of everyone working in cancer services over the last year, and reflecting on some of the highlights. Also read [the story of four-year old Teddy Slade](#), the youngest patient in the UK to be treated using pioneering proton beam therapy. It's a powerful reminder of the compassionate, personalised care colleagues provide across NHS cancer services every day.
- **Pioneering new cancer innovations** Almost £10 million will be awarded to eight projects for [pioneering new technology](#) which is set to benefit thousands of patients across the country. [One of the eight projects](#) includes an endoscope-smartphone adapter that can turn a normal iPhone into essential diagnostic equipment for head and neck cancers.
- **New life-extending drug for advanced womb cancer** A 30-minute treatment, the first of its kind for advanced womb cancer, is being rolled out for women across England. Around 100 women, with advanced and often incurable endometrial cancer, will be offered [this life-extending drug](#).
- **You can help vulnerable people this winter with a referral to Better Housing Better Health** If you know anyone who is struggling to pay their fuel bills, refer them to the Better Housing Better Health service. It can provide advice to help people to stay safe and well in their homes and, possibly, access to financial support. Phone 0800 107 0044 or [complete the online referral form](#).
- **COVID-19 speciality guidance for cancer**, is available on the [NICE website](#), to help continue essential care for patients while supporting hospitals/communities to provide care for people with COVID-19.

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