

## THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #10 – FEBRUARY 2021

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

### NEWS FROM THE ALLIANCE

- A **Cancer Allies event** will be taking place on Thursday 11, February from 10am-12noon. [Click here to join the meeting](#). An agenda will be sent via email to those who received the invitation. Please contact us if you would like to join but have not received this information. The session we be exploring how we can all work together across Thames Valley to plan, educate and reach our seldom heard communities, with vital cancer messaging and information.
- **TVCA is recruiting a new Nurse/AHP Lead**. Full details of the advert and JD are attached and on [our workspace](#). If you feel you have appropriate experience and enthusiasm to take on this important role, we welcome receipt of your Expression of Interest which should be sent to [england.tvcadmin@nhs.net](mailto:england.tvcadmin@nhs.net) The closing date for applications is Thursday 18, February.
- We have two new members from Great Western Hospital, joining our **Breast Cancer Clinical Advisory Group (CAG)**; they are Anne Kendall - Consultant Medical Oncologist and Anushka Chaudhry - Consultant Oncoplastic and Cosmetic Breast Surgeon. Welcome to you both and we look forward to working with you!
- TVCA Trust local dashboard update: **Congratulations** to GWH, MK and OUH on their joint working with TVCA and the great achievement with the launch of their **local Trust PTL dashboards now live**. BHT's update will follow soon. We look forward to rolling out a programme of training and education to Trust colleagues.
- Last week, we shared details of our **patient participation group** and we wanted to thank all of you who got in touch about the flyer. We have since shared a copy of this on [our Twitter feed](#) and the flyer remains on [our workspace](#) too. Please support us increase participation by continuing to share through your channels.
- **CRUK** are currently advertising for a [Health Professional Facilitator for Thames Valley Cancer Alliance](#). Closing date is Sunday 7, February.

### NEWS FROM THE SE REGION

- As part of the national **Help Us Help You campaign**, a lung cancer campaign is due to commence on Monday 15, February and will be supported by the SE Regional team. Next week, we will also be sharing an email with you, outlining our plans for rolling this out locally across Thames Valley, as part of our **#KnowYourCancerRisk** campaign. Please contact us if you have any questions about this campaign.

### OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- Please note; recent updates have been made to **The Green Book**, a government document that sets out information on the **coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccines**, and advice on the dosage and schedules for the use of the vaccines in the UK. As you'll be aware, the Government announced on Monday 18, January that the Covid-19 vaccination programme will be extended to people in JCVI **priority group 4**. Priority group 4 includes people who are **clinically extremely**



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**vulnerable** and will include people having active cancer treatment as well as many in follow-up. All other cancer patients such as those treated a long time previously and who were treated surgically will be covered by priority group 6. New updates to The Green Book mean that people who are planned to start or are undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatments will now be included in priority group 4. These patients can now be recommended for COVID-19 vaccination prior to their treatment where it is deemed clinically safe to do so. People whose level of risk is about to increase – such as those waiting for planned cancer surgery – may also be offered the vaccine alongside the CEV group. TVCA is working with all trusts to support vaccinations being offered on a consistent, equitable basis for all cancer patients as a priority.

- **Macmillan** have published a new report: [Caught in the maze: delivering personalised integrated care for people with cancer](#).
- We are pleased to share the [NHS Cancer Programme's quarterly report for Q3 – 2020/21](#). The document sets out key achievements since April 2020 and covers a range of work that the NHS Cancer programme is implementing. The national team have extended their thanks, for all the contributions made from colleagues across the programme.
- The cancer rehabilitation team at Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust have shared details of a virtual interactive workshop about '**Finance and Cancer**' taking place on Tuesday 9, February 1.30-2.30pm. [Click here to join the meeting](#). If you wish to attend, please email [cancer.rehabilitation@nhs.net](mailto:cancer.rehabilitation@nhs.net)
- The National Comms team have shared a '**Good communication with patients**' guidance document. Please find a [copy of this on our workspace](#).
- **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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