

THAMES VALLEY CANCER ALLIANCE BULLETIN #13 – FEBRUARY 2021

Please note that documents referenced in this bulletin; are all available on our NHS Futures workspace

NEWS FROM THE ALLIANCE

- **Welcome!** Thames Valley Cancer Alliance have recently appointed two new primary care clinical leads for the **personalised care programme**. We are delighted to welcome both **Dr Kabir Ahluwalia** and **Dr Kajal Patel** and look forward to working on the programme with them.
- **TVCA Lung Cancer Awareness Campaign (Week 2):** Thank you to everyone who used our lung cancer awareness [social media](#) pack last week, to post messages on your social media account. Please do tag us in your messages ([@ThamesV_Cancer](#)) and share your Twitter handle with us (england.tvcaadmin@nhs.net), so that TVCA can follow and re-tweet any relevant communications to a wider audience. As per our [local communication plan](#), we are now into week two of the TVCA #KnowYourCancerRisk: Lung campaign, as part of the national 'Help Us Help You' roll-out. Therefore, this week sees the release of the following local content for use -
 - **Primary Care Education Pack:** This resource is for **Primary Care teams; we ask that CCGs please cascade to all GP Practices**
 - **Local Press Release:** We ask **all stakeholders** to kindly use the embedded text on the Press Release as appropriate on your **public-facing websites**; and request that **Healthcare Comms Teams** share this with their **local press contacts** (copying in england.tvcaadmin@nhs.net so we are aware of who this has gone to)
- **Local FIT (Faecal Immunochemical Test) in primary care GP Sessions:** On 25th February, **Berkshire West CCG** and TVCA ran an educational session for local GPs on the Lower GI Pathway & FIT Symptomatic. The purpose of the webinar was to clarify the pathway with updates, as well as to hear how FIT was working locally. Thank you to **Dr Kajal Patel** (CCG Cancer Clinical Lead), **Sally Benton** (Consultant Biochemist and Hub Director), **Jon Simmons** (Consultant Gastroenterology, RBFT) and **Dr Anant Sachdev** (TVCA Clinical Lead & CRUK Strategic GP) for presenting at this informative meeting. These webinars are part of a number of local FIT education sessions taking place across Thames Valley. The next session is for **Buckinghamshire CCG GP Practices on Friday 5th March, 12:30 – 13:30**. If any Bucks GP colleagues would like to attend this webinar, then they can [register here](#). A link to the recordings of all sessions will be included at a later date in the TVCA Bulletins.
- **RDS (Rapid Diagnostic Service) update:** We have now sent out invitations for a one-hour socialisation workshop for each Trust and partnered CCG via MS Teams. Dates and times are below:
 - Tuesday 9 March - 11:30 – 12:30 – BHT
 - Tuesday 9 March – 16:00 – 17:00 – OUHFT
 - Wednesday 10 March – 12:00 – 13:00 – GWH
 - Wednesday 10 March – 14:30 15:30 – RBH

Please contact abimbola.odubayo@nhs.net if you would like further details about the workshop.
- The Cancer Rehab team in Bracknell are running the following virtual events:



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- **Cancer & Psychology: Ideas and Tools for Coping with the Impact of Cancer** on Tuesday 2 March 2021, 2pm – 3pm. Topics that will be discussed include; introduction and overview of clinical health psychology service, impact of cancer on psychological well-being, tools and strategies for coping, services and self-help resources for psychological support. The session is being run virtually on MS Teams; [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Physical Activity and Cancer** on Tuesday 9 March 2021, 2pm – 3pm. Topics that will be discussed include; defining physical activity and general exercise advice before, during and after treatment, being safe while exercising, an interaction “Let’s Move” section (- you will need a glass of water or squash and a comfortable stable chair i.e. dining / kitchen chair.) The session is being run virtually on MS Teams; [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Local Trust Dashboards:** Following the ‘go live’ of local trust dashboards, designated drop in training sessions are being rolled out over the next few weeks. Please find below training dates for GWH and OUH:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GWH Thurs 4th March 12-2pm Weds 10th March 9:30-11am Mon 15th March 11-1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OUH Tues 2nd March 2-4 Wed 3rd March 3-5 Fri 12th March 2-4
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For any further questions or access to these training slots, please contact norma.patterson@nhs.net at OUH and stephen.hambley@nhs.net at GWH
- Thames Valley Cancer Alliance are planning a Thames Valley wide **GP education webinar on breast referrals**, pain and gynaecomastia on **Thursday 22nd April, 1:00-2:00pm**. Further information on speakers and the agenda will be available in due course. We are currently asking stakeholders to hold this time in their diaries and advertisement to GP colleagues will commence shortly.

OTHER CANCER UPDATES

- **The Government has extended shielding guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people until 31st March 2021.** The shielding advice remains the same as the guidance already in place for this group: CEV people are advised to stay at home unless for exercise or for healthcare appointments (including vaccination).
- **NHS England open call for innovation in cancer care: SBRI Healthcare Cancer Programme: Competition 1.** The NHS Cancer Programme is launching an open call for innovation in cancer care on 17 March. The funding competition of up to £15million, which will be delivered by NHS England and NHS Improvement in partnership with SBRI Healthcare Cancer Programme, will swiftly bring new and existing cancer care innovations to the NHS frontline. *******Please book your place at online briefing [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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