# Thames valley cancer alliance Bulletin #2 – October 2020

All the latest updates and guidance for cancer across Thames Valley

## News from the Alliance

* TVCA are working extensively with stakeholders to reduce health inequalities exacerbated by COVID-19. This includes taking a targeted approach to **improve prostate referrals**, particularly in raising awareness in BAME men who are at greater risk. Campaign resources are available on our [portal](https://future.nhs.uk/TVCA/grouphome) and will be circulated through your local CCG. This is a call to action to help us, help those in need.
* The National cancer programme are working with alliances across the country to roll out the **Colon Capsule Endoscopy (CCE)** pilot to support the triaging of patients with lower gastrointestinal symptoms. We are delighted to been successful in applying for a single site in TVCA working with The Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust. We will provide regular updates on our monitoring and data collection to assess the impact of CCE.
* Huge congratulations to the Oxford Suspected CANcer (SCAN) pathway team for winning the **2020 BMJ award for cancer care**, focused on new approaches to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment! You can read about this and find [more info here.](https://www.cancercentre.ox.ac.uk/oxfordshire-based-scan-pathway-wins-bmj-award/)
* Please click to read [Sir Mike Richards Diagnostics recovery and renewal report –](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BM2025Pu-item-5-diagnostics-recovery-and-renewal.pdf) which was commissioned by NHS chief executive Sir Simon Stevens to review diagnostic services as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.

## News from the SE Region

* The next **pre/rehab webinar** will be taking place on Tuesday 27 October from 1-2pm. To attend, please use the following link to [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGU4YjdmMTctOTlkOC00M2NjLTk5MDMtMTFiNWUwNDg4MDQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2203159e92-72c6-4b23-a64a-af50e790adbf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2287004963-f0e0-4246-bf9c-0efb1b29cef1%22%7d). For links to the previous webinars in this series, please contact us using the email below.
* The following link is for the Lung Cancer vs Covid-19 webinar, delivered by Gateway C earlier this month: <https://youtu.be/rNoul3BTrD4>

## Other Cancer Updates

* East Midlands Cancer Alliance shared a useful [NG12 poster on NHS Futures](https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/canc/viewdocument?docid=82708901). providing a visual summary of the **NG12 Guidance: Suspected Cancer Recognition and Referral**. A copy is also attached.
* NHSE&I have launched the **access phase of the ‘Help Us Help You’** campaign. The campaign will encourage the public to contact their GP if they are worried about a symptom that could be cancer and includes TV and radio advertising. Cancer Alliances as well as local Trusts and CCG’s have been asked to support the national campaign by retweeting social media messages and sharing the information that has been shared on the [Public Health Campaign Resource website](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/81-help-us-help-you/resources).
* The HSJ have opened applications for the **Value Awards 2021**; could it be you or your team that take the trophy next year?! Find out more and enter here: [HSJ Value Awards 2021](https://valuehsj.awardsplatform.com/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiT0dWak5UQmlNamRqTjJZNSIsInQiOiIweDI0c2xTVnI2XC9SbVZOa0F2a2FBZkRwZVBLV0Y0aWl2TmV1WXJIVk8yRmM1MTdiVHY0bzQ4K25nYlo3TjdENG9cL0l5c05FUVpoREp4UjloVWRqbjFMMTFiWWhkMTdpWFVmXC9sN2VXUXo5bzFvcmI2NVRJS1N1bG5FUDVKNnpBbyJ9)
* CRUK have published a new paper; “**Cancer in the UK 2020: Socio economic deprivation**”. Please find a copy attached for your information.
* A response to the **personalised stratified follow up report**, from the NHS Cancer programme in the following link: [NHS Cancer Programme response to PSFU report - Oct 2020](https://future.nhs.uk/canc/viewdocument?docid=82931813)
* Also available on NHS futures, is the [PSFU Qualitative Study Report Final - Oct 2020](https://future.nhs.uk/canc/viewdocument?docid=82932101)
* **Gateway C are holding a webinar on Acute Leukaemia** this Wednesday, 21 October at 1-2pm. Suitable for all health professionals interested in this topic: Register here - <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QMO6289uRtKW95z9k3nYew>
* **Specialty guidance for cancer** is being published here:  
  <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/secondary-care/other-resources/specialty-guides/>

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Login to the TVCA portal:

Once registered with NHS Futures, the TVCA portal can be directly accessed [here](https://future.nhs.uk/TVCA/groupHome).

Some of the links in this bulletin, will take you directly to the associated document, hosted on the Futures platform.

If you have any questions or feedback about the TVCA workspace, please contact our workspace manager, with 'TVCA COVID-19 Workspace' in the subject line:

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