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Wessex Cancer Alliance Update Bulletin 25.

Please find below, details of the most recent communications and guidance issued for Cancer. Please share this with colleagues and other teams who may find these updates useful.

Wessex Cancer Alliance updates

- If you would like to take part in the online **Empowering Engagement Programme**, starting in January 2021; your expression of interest form must be submitted by 3 December 2020. All details about the programme and how to get in touch, are attached.
- The British Medical Journal has published a new paper; **Prevalence and predictors of poor sexual well-being over 5 years following treatment for colorectal cancer: results from the ColoRECTal Wellbeing (CREW) prospective longitudinal study**. Jane Winter, Nursing and AHP Lead for Wessex Cancer Alliance, is one of the authors of this new paper. You can [read the paper here](#).
- With the risk of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a current drive in the NHS to move services out of hospital, to protect patients from the virus whilst ensuring treatment continuity. **Xgeva (denosumab) home (self) administration** is therefore now available as an option. Within our Wessex region, delivery of this initiative has now started in Southampton University Hospital and Dorset County Hospital where a number of patients have received training and are now successfully administering their own denosumab injections. Although both hospitals are in the early phases of this new way of working, initial feedback from both staff and patients is positive and both are collecting outcome data to further support this new initiative. Both Southampton and Dorchester have used the available [patient education materials](#) that have been produced by Amgen and found these to help in the delivery of training along with their own materials. We are eagerly awaiting the finalisation and approval of a patient education video that has been produced by Southampton SACT team which will be valuable as a tool to help train patients in self administration.
- A new report [Personalising care for people with bowel cancer: Key findings from the Colorectal Wellbeing \(CREW\) study](#) is now available. CREW was funded by Macmillan Cancer Support. The report describes how CREW was conducted and what it has found, providing evidence to support current NHS objectives to provide personalised care. If you have any questions about the report, please email Dr Sally Wheelwright s.j.wheelwright@soton.ac.uk.
- You can now follow us on **LinkedIn** as well as Twitter! We will use our social media channels to keep you up to date with all the work we are involved in and everything cancer related across Wessex. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/wessex-cancer-alliance>

Regional Information

- **Save the dates** for Tumour site specific workshops for the **Adopt & Adapt** discussions are as follows:
 - 01/12/2020: Lung cancer workshop 8-10am
 - 02/12/2020: Urology (Prostate) workshop 9:30-11:30am
 - 03/12/2020: Colorectal workshop 3-5pm
 - 15/12/2020: Breast Screening workshop 2-5pm





Please email the South East Cancer team england.southeastcancer@nhs.net to be sent confirmation of these workshops and joining details if you wish to attend any of these.

National Information

- Updated guidance was published on November 13, on [shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from Covid-19](#).
- A poster with **details of the ERICA study** is attached. The trial will run for two years assessing the clinical and cost effectiveness of six electronic risk assessment tools for bladder, kidney, lung, colorectal, ovarian and oesophago-gastric cancers in general practice. GPs are invited to express an interest in taking part - please see the poster for contact information.
- Gateway C will be hosting a **free webinar; Improving Early Diagnosis** – this Wednesday 18 November 1-2pm. [Register here](#).
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** that was being shared via NHS England's website, has now been moved to the NICE website and will continue to be published on their Covid-19 pages: <https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19/specialty-guides>

Contact us

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