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## Wessex Cancer Alliance Update Bulletin 35.

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

- This bulletin will return to being issued fortnightly from today, so our **next update will be sent on Monday 8, March**. Please continue sending information you would like us to share.
- The public engagement coordinator for **Right By You**, is currently working to build an Advisory Group for the project. Please see the attached document for further details and share with anyone who you think may be interested in getting involved with this work.
- There is still time for people to register to attend our virtual event on March 11, 2021. This will be an informal discussion about the **patient, public and carer involvement network**, via Zoom and is taking place from 5.30-7pm. Please share the registration details with anyone you think may be interested: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cancer-alliance-patient-carer-public-involvement-network-info-session-tickets-138925976335>
- A reminder about the **pre/rehab webinar** taking place tomorrow, Tuesday 23 February, from 1-2pm. [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). All slides from these webinar series, are available to [view on our website](#).

### National Information

- The **'Help Us Help You' Lung Cancer Symptoms campaign** continues this week. Despite lung cancer being the third most common cancer in England, suspected lung cancer referrals remain lower than normal. As of December 2020, referrals had reached 73% of pre-COVID levels, while referrals for all cancers were just over 100%. Please use the [campaign toolkit and marketing assets](#) produced by the National team and help support this campaign.
- Today, Public Health England have published a UK-wide report on **children, teenagers and young adults cancer** – the first in almost a decade. The report shows survival rates are increasing for most cancers in children and young people. A copy of the report is attached.
- The **Samaritans** have shared a link to a new handbook they have published; "[Engaging Men earlier: a guide to service design](#)". Designed for anyone commissioning, designing, evaluating or delivering initiatives, services or activities aimed at improving the wellbeing of men.
- Further to our update on January 22, the **Government has now extended shielding guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people until 31 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).
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** can be found on NICE website and will continue to be published on their Covid-19 pages: <https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19/specialty-guides>

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