

ALLIANCE MATTERS

Hello everyone

It's hard to believe we are already here at our third issue of Alliance Matters. Thanks to everyone for their comments on the first two issues, which have been largely positive, with constructive feedback about where we might further improvements. In particular, we have taken on board requests to indicate clearly whether items are:

- ✓ **For action** – colour coded red in the contents list to indicate where at least some of our stakeholders may need to act on the information provided
- ✓ **For information/good practice** – colour coded green in the contents list to indicate where information may help/support stakeholders in their professional roles or personally
- ✓ **For general interest** – colour coded purple in the contents list to indicate where something is shared on a 'nice to know' rather than a 'need to know' basis

It's not a precise science, of course, but we're all busy, and hopefully this should make it a bit easier to prioritise the content we include in each bulletin.

On the subject of being busy..... thanks to everyone across the system for your hard work around the delivery of the 62-day waiting standard. The focus at this stage is around pathways for lung and prostate, and there has also been work on the 'optimal pathways' for both of these tumour sites. These will be available online at the launch of our website week commencing 26th February.

I'm pleased to report that the numbers of people following us on both Twitter and Facebook continue to grow, but more would be good..... We'll be cross-posting with our website following our go live date and we'll be in touch with more information next week. Follow us on Twitter @profseanduffy and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WYHCancerAlliance>

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Professor Sean Duffy

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance Lead

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Be Clear on Cancer – Breast Cancer In Women Over 70 Campaign Begins This Week

Public Health England will be re-running the Be Clear on Cancer 'breast cancer in women over 70' campaign from today (Thursday 22nd February) to the end of March 2018. Professor Chris Harrison, National Clinical Director for Cancer, has already written to NHS organisations and local councils encouraging support for the campaign. Supporting materials – including the letter - are available at the PHE Be Clear on Cancer Campaign Resource Centre -

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/31/resources/3692>

On The Right Track With Our Partners

The Cancer Alliance recently took part in a programme of 'check and confirm' sessions designed to assess the progress, focus and general direction of each of the priority work programmes of the WYH Health and Care Partnership. The Alliance is responsible for the delivery of the partnership's cancer programme. Alliance Lead Sean Duffy, Programme Director Carol Ferguson and Alliance Finance Lead Visseh Pejhan-Sykes attended the meeting with Partnership Lead CEO Rob Webster and Director Ian Holmes.

In the formal meeting feedback, the Alliance was described as *'in good shape...a well-established programme, with good leadership, a clear strategy for transformation and good links into each place to support delivery'*. The Cancer Alliance is also to be used as an exemplar of partnership working as the partnership seeks to become an Integrated Care System – seamless working and accountability across health and social care.

A number of areas for action were identified, including:

- More effective ways of managing interdependencies between cancer and other programmes
- A review of future requirements for finance leadership and support, and other capacity issues such as data analysis
- Addressing the problems caused by lack of access to timely data to support performance management and accountability
- An analysis of risks associated with the dependence on non-recurrent funding and development of associated contingency plans to manage those risks
- The development of targets/standards that will support consistent performance management and improvement across each of our local places and the Alliance as a whole.

The meeting was also an opportunity to discuss the thinking around a different way of working for the Alliance across the partnership, building in support and mutual accountability, to deliver improved outcomes and experience for patients. The approach received broad support at the meeting, and also in broader discussions with the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups and the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts.

Community/Patient Panel

We've taken an important step forward with our ambitions to wrap cancer care and services around our patients with our decision to work with Healthwatch across the region – led by Nicola Esmond and our colleagues at Healthwatch Wakefield – on setting up our community/patient panel. Recruitment is currently underway for the Panel Co-ordinator post. [Read more here.](#)

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We're also keeping in touch with individuals who have come forward asking to be involved in the work of the panel and other Cancer Alliance engagement and co-production work. For more information, contact Tracy Holmes, Macmillan Communications and Engagement Lead, tracy.holmes@wakefieldccg.nhs.uk

Cancer Information and Intelligence

The National Cancer Alliance Data, Evidence and Analysis Service (CADEAS) continues to take shape. This is a new service delivered through a strategic partnership between NHS England and Public Health England. The team is responsible for developing and delivering an analytical work programme to support the specific data requirements of each Cancer Alliance and the National Cancer Vanguard, using strategic analysis and evidence to drive transformation in cancer services. The team, led by Amy Lee, will be embedded within PHE for integrated working with the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) and for data access. Each Alliance will have its own specific link officer within the CADEAS team. More information as the service develops.

Curing Lung Cancer Programme – Wakefield and Bradford

Health and care services across Wakefield are joining forces to offer a new approach to delivering earlier diagnosis and reducing the prevalence of lung cancer, one of the region's biggest killers. Members of Wakefield's Health and Wellbeing Board recently agreed proposals put forward by Alliance Clinical Lead Professor Sean Duffy for a wide-ranging programme of work to tackle lung cancer across the district, through four specific programmes of work. [Find out more here](#) about the proposals or contact Alliance Early Diagnosis Programme Manager, Fiona Stephenson, fiona.stephenson@nhs.net

Next Steps For The Health and Care Partnership

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership has published a progress report, Our Next Steps to Better Health and Care for Everyone. It also sets out how the partnership will improve health and care – including cancer care and services - for the 2.6million people living across the area. [Click here](#) for more information.

National Communities of Practice Event – Timed Pathways

This national event focused on issues and opportunities in relation to timed pathways, including key success criteria and how Cancer Alliances can support this work. Presenters included Nicola Hunt, Managing Director of RM Partners (the West London arm of the NHS national cancer vanguard) and Professor Kathy Pritchard-Jones, Chief Medical Officer of the London Cancer Academic Health. Four pathways were focus of the day – lung, prostate, OG and colorectal. Implementation challenges include:

Understanding where to focus resources – gap analysis

Attempting to remove identified gaps

Finding the resources of expertise to implement

Meeting radiology turnaround times

Commissioning obstacles

Delays around Trust transfer

April 2020 28 Day Diagnosis

For further information contact Jane Wild, Early Diagnosis Project Manager, jane.wild@wakefieldccg.nhs.uk

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Yorkshire Cancer Research 2018 Funding Round

Yorkshire Cancer Research has committed to investing £100m in groundbreaking research and services, with the ambitious goal of saving 2,000 lives a year in Yorkshire by 2025. Applications are now invited to YCR's £4million funding round for 2018 in three priority areas – early diagnosis and cancer screening; cancer rehabilitation and clinical trials. Applications will be accepted from any UK organisation that can contribute to YCR's target for lives saved. Deadline for preliminary applications is 15th March. A further £6million to support commissioned research to follow. [Find out more here.](#)

Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards

Nominations for the awards, which celebrate the contribution made to cancer services by Macmillan professionals, opened on 2 February and close at midnight on 31st March. [Find out more and nominate here.](#)

Macmillan Chief Spotlights Cancer Care In West Yorkshire

Lynda Thomas, Chief Executive of Macmillan Cancer Support, recently visited the award-winning specialist Macmillan speech and language therapy team working with head and neck cancer patients at the Leeds Cancer Centre. The team last year scooped the Macmillan Award for Innovation in Excellence. Through their work, team members identify patients who are at risk of swallowing difficulties before radiotherapy begins. They help to reduce hospital admissions by offering education, therapy and exercises to patients in order to improve their outcomes and avoid them reaching crisis point. This means patients can stay at home longer, with advice available at the end of the phone.

Lynda went on to talk to members of the Yorkshire Cancer Patient Forum; met with Alliance Lead Sean Duffy, Programme Director Carol Ferguson and Senior Responsible Officer (Commissioning), Amanda Bloor, Chief Officer of Harrogate and Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group, and attended the Executive Team meeting at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, which hosts the Leeds Cancer Centre.

Events Timetable

The Cancer Alliance is currently researching cancer care/service patient and public awareness and engagement events which are already scheduled across West Yorkshire and Harrogate, with which the Alliance could potentially be involved in support of its work programmes. Please advise Tracy Holmes via tracy.holmes@wakefieldccg.nhs.uk of anything potentially of interest in your local place.

Diary Dates

- **Cancer Alliance Board, 13th March 2018, 10.30 – 12.30, Bradford Royal Infirmary**

And Finally.....

Welcome to Janette Earnshaw, who alongside Helen Jones will deliver project management for the Alliance Living With and Beyond Cancer Programme.

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