

ALLIANCE MATTERS

Hello and welcome to your Alliance Matters, Issue 7.

I've been taking the opportunity while I'm out and about across the patch to ask for feedback on how useful people are finding the bulletin, and also whether or not they are sharing widely across their teams and further, once they've read it.

It seems the bulletin is going down pretty well, but perhaps not reaching as far as it might. Please don't keep it to yourselves, share with colleagues and others inside your organisation and beyond. I'm pleased to say we were recently asked to share some of our Alliance communications and engagement good practice on a national stage and colleagues were particularly interested in our work alongside Healthwatch on our community/patient panel. More later.

In this month's issue, we've included some links to reports and web articles that you may find helpful. Please forward to us anything you come across that you feel may be useful to others in our Cancer Alliance community, and we'd be happy to be your platform for sharing.

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Just a quick reminder about the colour coding for our Alliance Matter content:

- ✓ **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

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1. National Cancer Alliance Leadership Day: Continued Priority For 62 Day Standard

Alliance lead Professor Sean Duffy and Programme Director Carol Ferguson attended a Cancer Alliance Leadership Day earlier this month, organised by the NHS England national cancer programme team. Among those presenting at the meeting were National Cancer Director, Cally Palmer; David Fitzgerald, National Cancer Programme Director, and Simon Enright, NHS England's National Director of Communications.

Key themes of the event were the vision for Alliances as cancer system leaders, long-term ambitions for Alliances through to 2021 and also priorities for 2018/2019. Thanks were expressed to everyone across the system working hard around recovery of the 62-day cancer waiting time standard, and it was made clear that priority should continue to be given to achieving this.

Discussion sessions focused on clinical engagement; involving patients in transformation programmes, Alliance governance, public engagement and communications. West Yorkshire and Harrogate Alliance had been asked, along with London Cancer Vanguard colleagues, to lead a workshop sharing their good practice around communications and engagement, and how we are working to position Alliances in the public domain.

2. Important Step Forward For Health and Care Partnership

Just in case you're not already aware, West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership has been named as one of four new areas in England that will be given additional freedom and flexibility to manage the delivery of local services. The Partnership will join the Integrated Care System programme, putting the area at the forefront of nationwide action to provide better co-ordinated and more joined up care for 2.6 million people.

This national recognition for the Partnership is a positive step forward, bringing control and influence over spending and transformation closer to local people and local places. This is also exciting news for the Cancer Alliance, as the body responsible for delivering the Partnership's cancer priority programme. [Click here](#) to read the press release on this important step forward for the Partnership.

3. Reconstituted Cancer Alliance Board – Meeting 4th July

Our newly- reconstituted Cancer Alliance Board (see May Alliance Matters) will meet for the first time on 4th July. The Senior Leadership in each local place has been asked to nominate representative(s) to strengthen the links and mutual accountability between places and the Alliance programme of work.

Leadership arrangements remain unchanged, with Clive Kay, Chief Executive of Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, continuing as provider Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) and Board Chair, and Amanda Bloor, Chief Officer of Harrogate and Rural District CCG, continuing as Commissioning SRO.

Representation by other partners such as Public Health, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, remains unchanged but we will shortly be inviting expressions of interest for two patient/public seats on the Board. Full membership details once available will be published on the Alliance website, alongside the new Terms of Reference.

4. National Breast Screening Incident – Update

You may already be aware that Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, recently made a Written Statement to Parliament regarding the national breast screening incident. The update also included a breakdown of the women affected by Parliamentary constituency area and the Terms of Reference for the Independent Inquiry, to be chaired by Lynda Thomas, Chief Executive of Macmillan Cancer Support and Professor Martin, Consultant Medical Oncologist and Professor of Cancer Medicine at the Royal Marsden Hospital, with Peter Wyman from the Care Quality Commission as Vice Chair.

You can access the statement and additional information via the Alliance website:

<https://canceralliance.wyhpартnership.co.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/national-breast-screening-update-written-statement-secretary-state>

Enquiries from the public continue to be directed to the NHS Choices and Public Health England websites – see links below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/breast-cancer-screening/missed-invitations/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/women-offered-nhs-breast-screening-after-missed-invitations>

5. Launch of Alliance/Yorkshire Cancer Research £150K Bursary Scheme

A £150,000 scheme to support the early diagnosis of suspected cancers through the development of diagnostic staff and improvements in patient care has been launched by Yorkshire Cancer Research and the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance. Yorkshire Cancer Research – the county’s dedicated cancer charity – and the Alliance have joined forces on a bursary scheme for radiographers and clinical endoscopists, either fully qualified or in training.

Funding for this two-year scheme has been secured by the Alliance from the national Cancer Transformation Fund as part of a wide-ranging programme of improvements in early diagnosis. The scheme will offer a total of 30 applicants – 15 radiographers and the same number of endoscopists – up to a maximum of £5,000 each – to encourage excellence and innovation in diagnostic practice.

Successful applicants can use their individual bursaries to support education or ongoing professional development that will improve the safety or quality of radiography or endoscopy services. More experienced staff may also consider using the funding for service developments and improvements which champion the involvement of patients in service design, and the development of information resources that support awareness and decision-making for patients.

Alliance lead for the project is Harry Truelove – harry.truelove@wakefieldccg.nhs.uk

For more information and an application form, visit:

<https://canceralliance.wyhpартnership.co.uk/our-work/early-diagnosis/yorkshire-cancer-research-and-cancer-alliance-bursary-scheme>

6. Developing IT Systems To Talk To Each Other – Current State Workshop

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Alliance ‘current state’ workshop looking at how digital technology and the integration of IT systems across the region could improve cancer patient experience and the work of health and care professionals.

The session focused on the support currently provided by information systems to cancer care pathways in the region, and barriers to effectiveness, with a particular focus on issues relating to handovers between organisations and teams, and associated problems with the presence/absence of information, call and recall systems. Barbara and Beverley, two members of the Yorkshire Cancer Patient Forum, attended the workshop to share their own experiences and perspectives, and will be working with us throughout the life of this particular workstream.

7. Community/Patient Panel

Work on our Alliance community/patient panel – being led by Healthwatch Wakefield on behalf of the Alliance - has begun in earnest. Panel Co-ordinator Fraser Corry is now in post and has put together a range of materials to promote the panel to those affected by cancer who may be interested across the local places. The panel was launched to the Yorkshire Cancer Patient Forum – also hosted by Healthwatch Wakefield – at its Annual General Meeting .

[Click here](#) to access the promotional leaflet. Please feel free to share the information far and wide with those who may be interested in joining the panel.

Also as part of the recruitment drive, Fraser set up a stand at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield earlier this month and is interested in other similar opportunities. Email:

fraser.corry@healthwatchwakefield.co.uk

8. Be Clear On Cancer – Blood in Pee campaign

A quick reminder that Public Health England will be re-running the Be Clear on Cancer ‘*Blood in Pee*’ campaign from 19 July to 23 September this year to raise public awareness of visible haematuria as a key symptom of bladder and kidney cancer – and encourage those who notice this symptom to see their GP. The campaign will particularly target people aged over 50. The theme will be ‘owning the pee break’ – an ideal time at which to raise awareness of the importance of taking action.

Two patients from our area have kindly volunteered to be case studies for the campaign – Phil Kelly, the patient voice on our Alliance Board, and also Caroline Raw, who features on the Alliance website. Caroline had none of the recognised risk factors when she was diagnosed, aged 51, with bladder cancer. You can view Caroline’s story, which is publicly available on our website, here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v04KenweKos>

You can find out more about this important campaign and order free campaign resources – including resources for display in washrooms - from the Public Health England [Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Washroom packs can be ordered via:

(<https://partnerships.wufoo.com/forms/z1m7h1nu1s926cm/>):

If you have a number of settings you would like to order, please email partnerships@phe.gov.uk

9. Update From The Living With and Beyond Cancer Team

Recovery Package Focus Group 26th July

A Recovery Package focus group for clinical nurse specialists and cancer care co-ordinators from across the six local places in West Yorkshire and Harrogate will be held on 26th July at Church House in Leeds.

The team's recent baseline work identified some variation in the offer of Holistic Needs Assessments (HNAs) and Care Plans at the end of treatment and in the use of Treatment Summaries across the six places. The focus group will be an opportunity to discuss this important issue with CNSs and CCCs, and to identify a way forward.

Those attending will have an opportunity to share experiences and learning across the six local places, as well as to explore the potential for 'Recovery Package Champion' roles in individual Trusts. The group will also discuss barriers faced in offering HNAs and Care Plans at the end of treatment and also Treatment Summaries, and explore how these barriers could be overcome.

The event will inform a wider Recovery Package event to be held on Thursday 11th October to look at implementation of all aspects of the Recovery Package, to which a wide variety of professionals from across the Alliance area will be invited.

CNS Meeting in Bradford

The Cancer Nurse Specialist meeting at Bradford Royal Infirmary last month presented an opportunity for the team – specifically project manager Michelle Beaumont – to meet with CNS colleagues from a range of tumour sites and discuss how the Recovery Package is currently used. It was also a chance to talk about the work of the Cancer Alliance in general and opportunities for partnership working. Thanks to everyone who took part in the discussions for their engagement and enthusiasm.

We are also pleased to report that the LWBC Programme plan was signed off at the last LWBC project group and work on implementation is now well underway.

10. Clinical Guidelines

All but four of the clinical guidelines/pathways have now been reviewed, updated and uploaded onto the Cancer Alliance website:

<https://canceralliance.wyhpартnership.co.uk/documents-and-publications>

The most recent to be uploaded this week are Skin, Urology, Brain & CNS and a Network Thyroid Pathway.

Four guidelines are still in the process of being reviewed/updated:

- Breast - these have been circulated for agreement and sign off with a deadline of 3 weeks from 28th June
- Lung – these are currently being reviewed and updated by the Regional Thoracic Group
- Pancreatic – these are in the process of being updated but not quite finalised
- Liver/Biliary – these are new guidelines which are being developed by P. Lodge in Leeds.

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in the update/review work. Confirmation will be given when the final four guidelines are completed.

11. Diary Dates

- 4th July 2018
Cancer Alliance Board meeting
- 5th July 2018

- Workforce planning event with Health Education England
- *12th July 2018*
Patient Event – Personalised Support
Co-Ordination In Bradford and Airedale
- *19th July 2018*
Launch of national Be Clear On Cancer ‘blood in pee’ campaign
highlighting bladder and kidney cancer
- *11th July 2018*
FIT Share and Learn Group Initial Meeting
- *26th July 2018*
Patient Experience project group
- *26th July 2018*
Recovery Package Focus Group
- *13th September 2018*
Breast Cancer Now Service Pledge Follow-Up Event

12. And Finally.....

A few links that have been shared with the Alliance that you may also find useful:

- A report published by the Royal College of Physicians : Hiding in plain sight: Treating tobacco dependency in the NHS, a comprehensive analysis of the impact of smoking on the NHS and includes detailed recommendations for steps the NHS should take to address this impact. The report includes new findings on:
 - * The cost of smoking to the NHS – broken down by many different diseases and conditions
 - * Impact on smoking on child health, mental health and pregnancy
 - * Impact of NHS employees smoking

The report calls for much greater action within the NHS to tackle smoking. Read more on the Alliance website:

<https://canceralliance.wyhpартnership.co.uk/news-and-events/latest-news>

- The ACE programme has published the final report from Wave 1. This report evaluates projects that explored proactive approaches to individuals at high risk of lung cancer.



Click on the icon to access the report

- Articles that may be of interest to those involved in the vague symptom pathway work:

Diagnosing cancer in patients with ‘non-alarm’ symptoms: Learning from diagnostic care innovations in Denmark

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1877782118300961>

- Characteristics and outcome in patients with non-specific symptoms and signs of cancer referred to a fast track cancer patient pathway; a retrospective cohort study
<https://bmccancer.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12885-017-3826-z>

- Reports, presentations and blogs
King's Fund : Transformational change in health and care: five small steps to make a big difference
<https://bit.ly/2lcF7ms>

New Cancer Research UK health professionals' webpage on reports and publications
<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/our-reports-and-publications> and
cruk.org/reports

Cancer Research UK Report – Capacity To Diagnose
An analysis of cancer diagnostic activity in England, March 2018
http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/sites/default/files/mar18_capacity_to_diagnose_executive_summary.pdf

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