



Early Cancer Diagnosis

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Primary care has a vital role to play in delivering the ambition that, by 2028, the proportion of cancers diagnosed at stages 1 and 2 will rise from around 50% to 75% of cancer patients

Referral Practice

Review the quality of their referrals

Ensure a consistent approach to monitoring patients who have been referred urgently

All patients are signposted to or receive information on their referral

Screening Uptake

Contribute to improving local uptake of National Cancer Screening Programmes

Working with local system partners

Build on any existing actions across practices

Community of Practice

Support referral practice review and screening uptake through a community of practice

Conduct peer to peer learning events

Support engagement with local system partners

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Supporting Early Cancer Diagnosis Metrics



- ▶ The proportion of cancers diagnosed at early stage (stage 1 and 2) - progress towards local Cancer Alliance target
- ▶ PCN-level participation in breast, bowel and cervical screening programmes
- ▶ Proportion of urgent cancer referrals that were safety netted
- ▶ The number of new cancer cases treated that have resulted from a two week wait referral (the 'detection' rate)
- ▶ The number of two week referrals resulting in a diagnosis of cancer
- ▶ Number of cancers diagnosed via emergency presentation

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Breakout instructions

- ▶ Each group will get to review the target patient groups and metrics for each service
- ▶ The facilitator in each group will ask coaching questions to encourage the group to generate ideas on **how Community Pharmacy could collaborate with the PCN on the service**
- ▶ The facilitator must remind the group that they cannot agree initiatives on behalf of the other pharmacies without their consensus and not use their position for competitive gain
- ▶ At the end of the breakouts the facilitator will present back the main ideas and suggestions from the discussion to the wider group

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Facilitator suggested questions

- ▶ How can community pharmacies support the PCN to achieve it's targets for Early Cancer Diagnosis?
- ▶ How can Community Pharmacy help with screening uptake?
- ▶ How can Healthy Living Pharmacies support early cancer diagnosis?
- ▶ What training/resources will Community Pharmacy need to support the PCN?
- ▶ How can we establish a referral pathway from Community Pharmacy to Primary Care?
- ▶ What concerns do you have about this service?
- ▶ What opportunities are there for Community Pharmacy to be involved in this service?