

C&M Primary Care Networks Bulletin

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The Cancer Alliance want to remind all our PCN colleagues that we are here to support you with the PCN DES and QOF QI. We continue to develop our on line primary care resources and grateful for any feedback [Primary Care Resources](#) :: Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance (cmcanceralliance.nhs.uk)

2ww referral recovery

The PCN 'DES' for 21/22 states PCN should "work with Cancer Alliances to understand which groups of patients, and with which symptoms, are most at risk of having missed a cancer diagnosis during the course of the pandemic, and focussing attention on these groups appropriately."

e-RS data provides the most recent dataset to view 2ww referral numbers and a comparison against 'pre-COVID' levels. You can view referral information for your CCG [here](#).

There has been significant recovery with respect to the volumes of 2ww which have been consistently above 100% pre-Covid levels for Cheshire & Merseyside over the past few weeks, but there are differences between both CCGs and tumour pathways, with less recovery evident in lung and urology pathways.

As a cancer alliance we are looking to develop a 'live' mechanism to report 2ww referral e-RS data; we hope this will make it easier for PCNs to understand their local position and for the alliance to identify and support local areas. We will share further information as this is developed.

Meanwhile we would encourage colleagues to keep referring patients with symptoms of suspected cancer with a particular emphasis on clinical decision support tools, high quality referrals, safety netting and patient support. All of these key areas are highlighted in the DES and resources are available on the alliance website [Primary Care Resources](#) :: Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance (cmcanceralliance.nhs.uk)

'Cervical Screening Awareness'

Cancer screening is a key element of both the QOF QI module and the DES. Resources which were produced for June's national Cervical Screening awareness week can also be used by PCN for the remainder of the year to help support any focused work.

- Jo's cervical cancer trust resources for your own practice to download for free [here](#), including case studies for increasing uptake with minority groups and translated resources.
- Macmillan offer a range of translated 'signs and symptoms' patient materials, available [here](#), which can be printed or ordered in 16 different languages to reflect your practice population

Looking Ahead.....

July is Cancer awareness month for Sarcoma. Resources around Sarcoma/Bone cancer can be found [here](#) as well as information [here](#). Suspected Sarcoma recognition & referral NG12 further information can be found [here](#).

Work is also being undertaken on a sarcoma RDS across the North West. Details will follow in the coming months
