

Welcome to the winter update from the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance (CMCA) Primary Care team. We would like to wish all our partners a Happy New Year and thank you for everything you do for our communities. This update covers several of our work streams, but we are very keen to hear from you, so do reach out and contact us at ccftr.cmcaprimarycareengagement@nhs.net.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Week (23rd to 29th January 2023)



Cervical Cancer is the most common cancer in the UK among women aged 35 or under but is treatable if caught early.

As part of Cervical Cancer Awareness and Prevention week, we are encouraging communities and partners to support women to attend screening appointments, even if patients have previously had the HPV vaccination. Currently, 1 in 3 women do not attend for a smear, so it is vital we encourage women to book appointments when invited.

Jo's Trust have developed a wealth of [resources](#) to help promote awareness, and our Action on Cancer [toolkit](#) and [screening resources](#) may also support you.

NHS-Galleri Trial

Hundreds of volunteers from Liverpool are returning to help the NHS study a ground-breaking cancer detection test. The participants will have blood samples taken at a mobile clinic over the coming weeks in their second appointment for the NHS-Galleri trial. Further rounds of testing will also take place in Knowsley, Southport and several other local areas in the coming months. A detailed update can be found [here](#).



Targeted Lung Health Checks



The extension to the current TLHC programme in Liverpool, Knowsley and Halton has now been launched with it expanding into St Helens and South Sefton. [This news article](#) details [developments](#) in the programme.

Within the Cheshire and Merseyside region, targeted lung health checks have so far identified 111 lung cancers so far, of which, 68.5% were at stage 1. This has enabled 74 people diagnosed with early-stage lung cancer to receive curative treatment.

More information and resources can be found [here](#).

The Cancer Academy

The Cancer Academy has now been live for 3 months and the number of registered users continues to grow daily. The academy has an array of resources for cancer education in primary care and includes support materials for the PCN DES and QOF. You can register and access the site [here](#).



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