

Meeting	Peninsula Cancer Alliance Board 8 th July 2021
Title	PCN Cancer DES Board Report
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Summary

The Alliance has funded delivery of the PCN Cancer DES Programme across both Devon and Cornwall in 2021/22. The programme is providing support to all PCNs and practices with delivering Cancer DES.

The key objectives for the programme are to:

- Review referral practice for suspected cancers, including recurrent cancers
- Contribute to improving local uptake of National Cancer Screening Programmes
- Establish a community of practice between practice-level clinical staff to support delivery of the requirements

All PCNs delivering the DES are receiving support from the Programme Manager(s) to support development of all plans and as well as access project management support, webinars and other networking opportunities to develop and share best practice.

The 9 PCNs (4 in Cornwall and 5 in Devon) receiving the enhanced offer of additional support are receiving funding for the following roles to support their delivery of the DES, as well as access to the wider support offer detailed above:

- GP Clinical Leadership; 24 sessions over 12 months per PCN (equivalent to 2 sessions per month)
- Cancer Support Worker for 1 year: £20k per PCN
- Project Management Support: £15k per PCN

Initial engagement with the PCNs receiving the enhanced support offer in Devon has been carried out, with the exception of Torquay PCN, and PCNs are currently working through the process of recruitment/allocation of the funded roles and also agreeing targeted action plans across their PCNs, to be supported and managed with the Programme Managers.

While the process for recruiting the Programme Manager for Cornwall is being completed, Ben Smith has been engaging with the PCNs in Cornwall since the end of June to ensure that plans are being developed. Once the Cornwall Programme Manager is in place, the role will form part of a joint Peninsula collaborative offer, to ensure best practice is being shared and to avoid duplication of effort and governance.

Cancer Research UK have also collaborated with this early engagement process to ensure that plans are focused on safety netting priorities and implementation toolkits available. Other key stakeholders such as Macmillan, Public Health, Secondary Care Cancer Services/LWBC as well as the Devon Screening and Immunisation team have also been engaged to ensure shared working practices are in place.

The current key actions/priorities for the Programme are:

- **Development of PCN-level workplans**
 - a. Agree quarterly action plans for each PCN receiving the enhanced offer (based on 1. Screening uptake and 2. Education and prevention) including allocation roles and responsibilities (and where funding has been applied

- **Recruitment and implementation of Cancer Alliance-funded PCN roles**
 - a. Manage plan for recruitment of Cancer support worker in each PCN. Agree success measures and evidence of impact based on PCN dashboard (viewpoint)
 - b. Ensure plans in place for Project Management support for each PCN (GP backfill) and sessional cover (2 PAs a month) for clinical leadership

- **Community of practice development**
 - a. Develop and deliver co-produced screening and immunisation webinar for Devon and Cornwall to provide clear information on pathways
 - b. Plan for first quarterly webinar to highlight case studies and best practice across PCNs with enhanced support

Recommendations

To note

- A. Cancer Support Worker role: Concerns have been raised regarding the role of the Cancer Support Worker increasing demand for the Practices and also the role potentially been subsumed into Secondary Care. Clarity has been provided over the key functions of this role and Secondary Care will be engaged to ensure clarity of the role and it's functions:
 - 1. To Independently support discharged patients and provide links and signposting service to other health & wellbeing services
 - 2. To make and manage contact with patient navigators in secondary care (particularly around Lung, Colorectal, Breast and Prostate lead) to ensure patients are receiving individualised support from your practice

One of the key aims of this post is to reduce demand into your reception within your practices and provide a direct support function to patients.

- B. Engagement with Torquay PCN: Despite efforts to engage and meet with the PCN, no firm responses have been received. This has also been raised with the CCG for support to ensure they are part of the early engagement and recognition of the programme.