

Northern Cancer Alliance early diagnosis transformation programme 2018/19

Life expectancy gap between Alliance area and England

Smoking in deprived Communities

Clinical variation

Lower screening attendance in deprived communities

Ageing Workforce

Ageing population with increase in cancer

Our goal is to increase cancer survival rates by reducing inequalities, improving outcomes for everyone affected by cancer and delivering the best possible patient experience.

Vision

Delivering cancer treatment standards -
NHS trusts meeting 62-day standard and preparing for introduction of faster diagnosis (28-day) standard

- Rapid Recovery Team 62 day recovery plan in place
- Work with cancer managers to prepare for the new 28 day faster diagnosis standard
- Work with Trusts to understand the new CWT data set definition
- Share best practice including PTL management
- Service improvement in each Trust to develop sustainable solutions

Pathway development - facilitating development of key pathways across the North East and Cumbria

- Introduce optimal lung pathway
- Introduce optimal colorectal pathway
- Introduce optimal prostate pathway
- Vague symptoms pathway: roll out phase 1 pilot
- Prepare for Upper GI optimal pathway
- Other pathway improvements to be implemented if the above completed (Head and Neck and Gynaecology)

Digital pathology system – investing in and developing a networked academy of pathologists

- Agree business case
- Agree MOU
- Agree workflow principles and any phasing of implementation
- Training video for pathologists
- Establish networked academy of pathologists by March 2019

Radiology imaging network – introducing a networked solution for radiology imaging

- Develop /agree service specification
- Agree business case/phasing
- Agree MOU
- Access capital funds
- Complete procurement by March 2019

Workforce development - cancer academy -
Increasing workforce capacity; creating an academy of the wider primary and secondary workforce

- MacLab trainers recruited and first cohort recruited
- Utilise the radiology locum agency
- RtP radiologists, apprentices: pathways identified
- Modules for cancer workforce established
- Roll out of wider workforce education

Locality early diagnosis posts – creating experimental community posts - cancer awareness and pathway facilitators

- B4/B5 posts recruited
- B4/B5 post holders training event
- B4/B5 posts delivery plans in place

Locality early diagnosis projects - investing in primary care training; cancer champions; screening uptake; early lung cancer case finding

- Project plans received from each locality group
- Localities implement project plans
- Quarterly report on outputs from locality groups

Evaluation

- Locality agreed outcome measures in place
- Evaluation report produced