

The East Midlands Cancer Alliance (EMCA) Briefing Note

15 May 2020

For the attention of EMCA board members, accountable officers, CEOs, cancer managers and cancer leads in CCGs and trusts:

The East Midlands Cancer Alliance (EMCA) Board met on 27 April 2020 via MS Teams to review the work and progress of the partner organisations in the EMCA. The meeting was chaired by Richard Mitchell CEO Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS FT Trust. The Board has representation from the five East Midlands STPs from both commissioning and provider organisations. It also has representatives from specialised commissioning, primary care, Public Health England, Health Education England, Macmillan and CRUK.

National priority: Prevention and Screening

Tobacco Control Programme

A paper was presented highlighting the progress made in the East Midlands with implementing the tobacco control programme of work. The COVID-19 pandemic has now caused majority of this work to be put on hold. A formal extension of the tobacco control manager post has been requested to enable support for agreed EMCA restoration and recovery projects and enable the evaluation of the local STP bids depending on their progress at STP level. There was agreement to utilise EMCA funding to extend the regional tobacco control manager post for a period of 6 months to ensure delivery, subject to detailed financial paper for July Board.

Cancer Survival Incident Control Response

Working in partnership with EMCA, PHE, NHSE/I the next phase of the Cancer Survival investigations (NCD Incident Control Unit work) programme was due to be initiated in April 2020, however this work has also paused. It was agreed to utilise EMCA funding to extend the ICR programme to ensure delivery, subject to detailed financial paper for the next Board meeting.

National priority: cancer waiting times

The latest published performance report (February 2020) was presented which highlights performance across the East Midlands prior to COVID-19. There is a need to develop recovery plans and an alliance support offer across the region. Performance for several trusts is likely to see an increase in March 2020, however this is in the context of patients shielding and a significant reduction in 2ww referrals.

Trust	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Total Treatmen ts Feb 20	% of Alliance Treatmen ts	Total Treatmen ts Jan 20
Chesterfield Royal Hospital	90.3%	93.1%	92.1%	89.5%	94.1%	94.1%	95.5%	95.7%	97.5%	95.6%	92.7%	95.7%	892	6%	956
Kettering General Hospital	98.8%	97.9%	96.8%	98.0%	98.5%	97.2%	98.2%	97.7%	98.3%	97.3%	97.4%	97.4%	973	7%	1006
Northampton General Hospital	73.3%	70.6%	91.0%	85.8%	95.5%	91.2%	93.3%	92.2%	84.7%	86.3%	85.9%	80.4%	1135	8%	1118
Nottingham University Hospitals	95.5%	91.9%	96.9%	96.3%	95.9%	92.1%	90.7%	93.4%	93.6%	94.0%	93.2%	93.8%	2362	17%	2437
Sherwood Forest Hospitals	94.8%	91.3%	95.8%	95.2%	93.9%	93.0%	93.4%	94.8%	95.3%	96.3%	95.5%	97.0%	1254	9%	1249
United Lincolnshire Hospitals	73.3%	80.0%	81.8%	79.8%	85.7%	78.7%	79.8%	83.5%	78.0%	80.7%	77.7%	81.1%	2167	15%	2067
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton	95.4%	80.7%	80.9%	81.7%	85.7%	94.6%	95.6%	96.8%	97.6%	95.1%	94.3%	95.3%	2545	18%	2561
University Hospitals of Leicester	95.6%	95.7%	93.4%	91.0%	91.8%	91.4%	90.3%	90.5%	90.0%	96.8%	94.7%	96.7%	2940	21%	2636
Grand Total	90.4%	87.8%	90.1%	88.8%	91.3%	91.0%	91.1%	92.5%	91.3%	92.9%	91.3%	92.3%	14268	100%	14030

National Priority: Earlier and Faster Diagnosis**Rapid diagnostic centres (RDC)**

Substantial RDC funding is available from national cancer transformation funds over a five-year period spanning 2019-2024 with up to £3.7m being made available for 2020/21. STPs have been leading local planning and implementation approaches supported by cancer alliance personnel including clinical and management leads together with guidance from national cancer policy team leads. Currently EMCA has 3 'live' RDC models with our remaining 2 STPs having developed plans to implement vague symptoms pathways this year. EMCA will need to review our planning approach for 2020/21 in light of Covid-19 and maximise opportunities for rapid implementation to support restoration and recovery.

Targeted lung Health Checks (TLHC)

The Mansfield & Ashfield and Corby pilot projects go live date was April 1, 2020. The programme has paused during COVID 19 and this will be reviewed as part of recovery plans. The next steering group is due to be held on 25 June 2020.

National priority: Personalised Care - personalised stratified follow-up

The impact of COVID-19 has led to a review of the 2020/21 plan for PSFU in order to support the recovery and move to the new 'normal' with the escalation of virtual appointments in healthcare. Those people 'paused' on follow up could be offered, if clinically appropriate, the opportunity to transfer to supported self-management without the need for further face to face appointments (e.g. breast cancer) and the person is clear on who and where to get advice. To support this approach EMCA will develop virtual resources around health and wellbeing etc. using local and national best practice. In respect of national deliverables, remote monitoring systems are still required for breast, prostate and colorectal. The launch of the national quality of life metric has been delayed.

Operational Planning 2020/2021

Nationally operational planning was suspended due to COVID-19. Funding allocation has been notified for 20/21; £7m core funding (including alliance staffing), £3.7m RDC and £2m TLHC. In total £13m funding available to improve cancer services for the population across East Midlands. EMCA to take forward local planning with STP leads.

Cancer Alliance response to COVID-19

In response to COVID-19 a Cancer Alliance Advisory Group was formed, supported by the Clinical Directors from East and West Midlands Cancer Alliances. Following national and regional requests a Midlands Cancer Hub has been created, with specialised commissioning, to provide equitable access to cancer services with initial focus on surgery. A few issues being resolved around data collection, weekly meetings arranged with STP Leads, Cancer Centre Managers and Lead Nurses across the Trusts.

Midlands Cancer Alliance also linking with national cancer policy team to escalate any issues. Current delivery of services is supported by use of the national contract with the Independent Sector currently due to finish at the end of June with ongoing discussions to extend the contract.

Data collection has initiated with a weekly submission. The national team are developing guidance in respect of COVID protected environments and further communication will be shared soon.

Imaging networks

With the publication of the new guidance this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Clinical Director

David Baldwin will be retiring as Clinical Director at the end of May 2020. He was thanked for all his hard work and for being an advocate for Cancer Alliances for the last three years. The Chair and the Board members wished him well for the future. The role will be advertised shortly, and members were encouraged to apply.

For further information please contact: Sarah Hughes Managing Director, East and West Midlands Cancer Alliances, email: sarah.hughes25@nhs.net Telephone: 07876 869436

Date of next Board Meeting

27 July 2020 @ 14:00 venue tbc

Please find below a table showing you who your EMCA STP leads are:

STP	EMCA board representative STP leads
Leicestershire	Paul Gibara/Hannah Hutchinson Paul.Gibara@EastLeicestershireandRutlandccg.secure.nhs.uk Hannah.hutchinson@leicestercityccg.nhs.uk
Nottinghamshire	Simon Castle simon.castle1@nhs.net
Derbyshire	Christine Urquhart/Denise Crouch christine.urquhart2@nhs.net denise.crouch1@nhs.net
Lincolnshire	Sarah-Jane Mills/Louise Jeanes Sarah-Jane.Mills@LincolnshireWestCCG.nhs.uk louise.jeanes@nhs.net
Northamptonshire	Karen Spellman/Linda Dunkley karen.spellman@ngh.nhs.uk linda.dunkley@nhs.net