



*Somerset, Wiltshire, Avon and
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Peninsula Cancer Alliance

South West (SW) Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer

August 2018 Project Update Bulletin

This Bulletin is No. 4 for the SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Stakeholder group.

Increased access to the new pathway

In Cornwall, South Somerset, Bristol, Gloucester and Wiltshire all patients referred by their GP for a Chest X-ray (routine or urgent), to NHS X-ray providers across SWAG or Peninsula Cancer Alliances, now have access to the South West Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer. Royal Cornwall Hospital Foundation Trust (RCHFT) went live with the clinical order in the form of a '1 stop shop' CXR>CT>OPA pathway on 6th July giving all patients in Cornwall access to this Rapid Diagnostic pathway for lung cancer. Where appropriate RCHFT also biopsy at the single visit.

Data returns from early adopting providers show increasing numbers of our patients having access to this national optimal pathway.

Early adopter evaluation insights:

- CX3 / Highly suspicious of cancer threshold varies at providers between 0.5-30% of all GP referred CXR's categorised as CX3 /Highly suspicious of cancer (to be considered by Clinical Advisory Group 23rd October)
- Approximately 30% diagnosed at Stage 1&2 reported by early adopting providers
- When comparing Q1 2018/19 with Q1 2017/18, of the 4 providers delivering the transformed pathway for Q1 2018/19, 3 have seen significant improvement in 62 day performance for lung cancer.
- Providers are working with their diagnostic teams to reduce the time between pathway steps towards timelines as set out in the NOLCP and National Rapid Diagnostic Pathway.

Q1 2018/19 Project Evaluation report will be presented at the SW Cancer Alliances' Lung Cancer Pathway Steering Group on 3rd October at 14:00-16:00

Key highlights for August from the project plan

- Evaluation Phase underway
- SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer dashboard and data key has been circulated to all stakeholders.
- SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Route to diagnosis provider review template is being reviewed by the SW lung pathway steering group.
- The SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer dashboard is being updated on receipt of monthly data submissions from providers and circulated along with data key to aid future data submissions.
- The SW Lung pathway steering group have agreed to request data submissions **3 months** in arrears to facilitate improved data completeness.
- Draft May 2018 (2nd) project metric data reports have been received from providers
- The milestone compliance outlier escalation plan has been activated.
- The 1st Peninsula Cancer Alliance Implementation group has been held to facilitate shared learning.
- SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Highlight reports (July) have been received by the SW Alliance which highlight the significant progress towards transformation of diagnostic lung cancer pathways across the SW Alliances.
- A high level SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Engagement plan including CRUK support offer is circulated with this bulletin.
- CCG and Provider engagement plans have been developed across SW Alliances and CRUK and SW Alliances' are supporting local engagement.
- Commissioning requirement scoping exercise completed and evaluation plan delivers commissioning requirements.
- Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Patient experience survey interviews are underway
- The Shared NHS Improvement and SW Cancer Alliances Pathway Event was held 23rd July
- Completion of compliance with National Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for lung cancer report to CCG's

Key Tasks for September

- Peninsula Cancer Alliance Implementation group chair to be identified
- Complete data set Q1 2018/19 submission
- Publication of the SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer Evaluation Plan
- Circulation of draft SW Alliances' Rapid Diagnostic Pathway for Lung Cancer quarterly project evaluation report (Q1) to stakeholders for consideration
- Patient experience interviews to be completed September 2018
- 'Go live' by outlier providers
- Ongoing work by Providers and CCG's to increase GP uptake

Dates for the diary

Date	Activity	Action	For
31 st August	Draft June 2018 and Final May 2018 data reports	Submit to CA	Cancer managers of all providers gone live prior to June 2018
7 th September	SWAG Cancer Alliance Board Meeting	Engagement	Stakeholder representatives incl. patient rep.
26 th September	National Early Diagnosis Event	Share learning	Cancer Alliance representatives incl. patient rep.
28 th September	'go live' deadline for remaining providers	'go live'	WAHT / NDDH / RD&E
28 th September	Complete final Q1 2018/19 data report	Submit to CA	Cancer managers of all providers gone live prior to July 2018
3 rd October	SW Cancer Alliance lung pathway steering group	Quarterly project report evaluation	Stakeholder representatives incl. patient rep.
11 th October	Peninsula Lung SSG	Support	Lung Cancer service providers



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		clinicians and improve patient care	
17 th October	SWAG Prevention and Early Diagnosis Meeting	Define programme of work to achieve agreed Cancer Alliance objectives	Stakeholder representatives incl. patient rep.
23 rd October	Clinical Advisory Group	Review Q1 2018/19 lung pathway project outcomes	Lung SSG members SWAG and Peninsula CA's
TBC	Peninsula Implementation group meeting	Share learning	PCA cancer operational group and Lung SSG members

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Appendix 1

'Go Live' Diary : GP CXR>CT>OPA:

Provider	'Go Live'
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust (SDHFT)	1 st February 2018
Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH Bath)	1 st April 2018
North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT)	1 st April 2018
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UHB)	1 st April 2018
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	14 th May 2018
Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (TSD)	14 th May 2018
University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust (GP suspected cancer referrals only) (UHP)	21 st May 2018
Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust (TST)	1 st June 2018
Yeovil District Hospital Foundation Trust NHS (YDH)	1 st June 2018
Royal Cornwall Hospital Foundation Trust (RCHFT)	6 th July 2018

We are working up implementation plans and go live dates with Weston Area Healthcare Trust, North Devon District Hospital, Royal Devon and Exeter Foundation Trust and full roll out to all patients at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Foundation Trust remaining on schedule for 100% adoption across South West Cancer Alliances by end of September 2018.

Appendix 2

Key Project Milestone Compliance;

Discharging patients with normal CT following Chest X-rays reported as CX3's/ highly suspicious of cancer without OPA:

- SDHFT / GHFT/ TST / UHP / TSD and RCHFT are currently doing this, though others have plans to introduce this by September

SW Reporting tool being used at;

- RUH Bath / UHB / GHFT (CX1, 2 a&b, 3) / TST / SDHFT / RCHFT

CXR coded data reports

- Following feasibility studies by providers these are being received monthly for all CX3 / highly suspicious of cancer chest X-rays with improving completeness.

CXR and CT backlogs

- Peninsula Cancer Alliance are experiencing challenges clearing the CXR and CT backlogs ahead of go live
- Cleared at all SWAG Cancer Alliance providers reporting 24 and 72 hours respectively ahead of 'go live'
- Sustaining access and reporting turnaround times remains a challenge across the South West.

Radiographer training underway:

- GHFT / YDH / TST / RUH Bath / UHB / SDHFT / UHP / RCHFT

CXR reporting radiographers:

- WAHT / UHP only