



**Peninsula Cancer
Alliance**



England

To: All community pharmacy pilot sites (Peninsula)
CC: Cancer Alliance Project Lead
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Dear Colleague,

RE: Supporting Early Diagnosis of Cancer (Community Pharmacy) Pilot

Thank you for registering to take part in the Supporting Early Diagnosis of Cancer (Community Pharmacy) Pilot.

We hope that this pilot will allow us to specifically evaluate the implementation by Community Pharmacy of direct referrals to secondary care for people with suspected cancer signs and symptoms.

Developing a direct referral service from Community Pharmacy to Secondary Care for people with suspected cancer symptoms has the potential to improve patient outcomes and reduce health inequalities. It is hoped it will support the NHS Long Term Plan's aims of 75% of cancer patients being diagnosed at Stage 1 or 2.

To help you get set up for this pilot you will have access to an information pack that will include the following resources:

- Gateway Criteria checklist
- Supporting Early Diagnosis of Cancer Pilot slide set
- NHS e-Referral Service (eRS) guide
- Service Specification (or link to BSA website)
- Clinical Protocol
- Patient Leaflet
- Patient Information Sheet (Evaluation)
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Key contacts document
- Template emails to GPs

Please read through these resources prior to commencing the pilot. If you have any questions regarding the pilot or the resources, you can contact your local Cancer Alliance Project Lead using the details on the key contacts document.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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