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Dear Colleague,

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

We are very excited to be expanding the Early Diagnosis of Cancer: Community Pharmacy Pilot to all community pharmacies, like yourselves, which operate within the RCHT Treliske catchment area. This expansion will allow us to evaluate the feasibility and acceptability of direct urgent suspected cancer (USC) referrals into secondary care, based on 'red flag' cancer symptoms identified in community pharmacies.

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. This pilot has already been instrumental in the diagnosis of 7 confirmed cancers.

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

- Supporting early diagnosis of cancer pilot slide set
- NHS e-Referral guide
- Service specification (SLA)
- Clinical protocol
- Patient leaflet and evaluation sheet
- Frequently asked questions
- Key contacts document
- Template referral email 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.

Kind regards,

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Pharmacist Lead,



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