

East Midlands Cancer Alliance (EMCA) Cancer Board Briefing Note – 27 November 2023

For the attention of EMCA Board members, Accountable Officers, CEOs, Cancer Managers and Cancer leads in ICSs and Trusts:

The East Midlands Cancer Alliance (EMCA) Board met on 27 November 2023 via MS Teams to review the work and progress of the partner organisations in EMCA. The meeting was chaired by Richard Mitchell, Chief Executive, UHL and Chair of East Midlands Cancer Alliance. The Board has representation from the five East Midlands ICSs across both commissioning and provider organisations. It also has representatives from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Leads and CEOs, Specialised Commissioning, primary care, public health, Workforce Training and Education (WTE), Macmillan, and Cancer Research UK (CRUK). The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed contributions from all colleagues.

Quality and Patient Experience

Digital Patient Story

Mike Ryan, Head of Service, EMCA, presented the patient story of Julie Sutcliffe who was treated for lung cancer. Julie's story focuses on the importance and benefits of early diagnosis. [Julie's lung cancer story - YouTube](#)

Lung Operational Delivery Network (ODN) Development Presentation

Dr Elspeth Spencer, Respiratory Consultant and Clinical Lead for the ODN, presented the Lung ODN work to date. The Lung ODN is one of the first two pilot sites established by EMCA; this has been chosen because it is one of the six less survivable cancers in the UK and in particular East Midlands survivorship rate is below the national trend (2019 and 2021 data). The pilot has focused on four key areas; MDT Streamlining, PET-CT, Next Generation Sequencing for molecular profiling of NSCLC and Prehabilitation. The programme is also reviewing treatment variation and currently scoping areas of improvement through data analysis and engagement with Trusts. For further details please contact Michael.ryan@nhs.net

Mike Ryan updated on the Targeted Lung Health Check Programme. There is a national expectation for alliances to submit a plan by Q4 (Feb 2024) for rollout of 100% coverage of eligible population by 2028. There are currently four live sites (three across Nottinghamshire and one in Northamptonshire). Nottinghamshire have been recognised nationally for their service model and delivery success. EMCA is supporting ICBs to develop their trajectory and plans; an EMCA Programme Manager post will go out to advert shortly.

EMCA Advancing Cancer Equalities (ACE) Presentation

Diane Eden, Senior Transformation Manager, presented the ACE programme presentation alongside Jane Arnstein, Patient Representative and Tracy Genius, Senior Information Analyst with the Health Innovation East Midlands. This three-year Advancing Cancer Equity or A.C.E Cancer-related Health Inequalities Transformation Programme aims to explore, define, address and narrow inequalities in access, outcomes and experience for our East Midlands population in collaboration with all key stakeholders, using local Integrated Care Systems data and local intelligence. EMCA funding will be made available to support this improvement work over the three-year period. For further details, please contact diane.eden@nhs.net

COSD Staging and Outcomes Data Presentation

Simon Cairnes, Data Liaison Manager at National Disease Registration Service (NDRS), presented the COSD Staging and Outcomes Data. The data presented was for January to September 2023 and was for primary diagnosis only. For Q1 2023 EMCA had achieved a performance of 80.45% for staging data, for Q2 74.06% and for Q3 it was 66.41%, with Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust consistently achieving just under 95% for all three quarters. United Lincolnshire also consistently achieving the 80% across all 3 quarters. Nationally, out of 21 Cancer Alliances, East Midlands is ranked 10th in terms of our staging. Further detail contact - Simon.Cairnes@nhs.net

EMCA Cancer Performance Pack – Sitrep Overview

Update of cancer performance presented by Mike Ryan, Head of Service, EMCA.

The new Cancer Waiting Times standards have been effective from 1 October 2023, with the statutory reporting requirements moved to three (3) metrics (FDS, 31-day combined and 62-day). The data shows FIT dashboard achievement of 60% and 71.1% attainment against FDS, the segmentation of data is helping to focus on areas of improvement at operational level. Overall excellent work across tiered Trusts has been noted nationally including UHL Leadership across Tier 2.

Cancer SROs and ICS Leads System updates

All systems gave an update on their current performance and challenges, along with updates on the priority pathways and actions being taken to improve pathway performance.

Items for Information

EMCA Risk Register Update

The Board was presented with an up-to-date risk register report as of November 2023 for information and use to inform future planning priorities.

EMCA Finance Report Update

The Board was presented with the finance report outlining spend profiles for month 7 following Q2. The report outlined EMCA Cancer funding precommitments into 24/25 to aid planning processes. The report also highlighted the financial landscape, referencing the national NHSE letter of 08/11/23 “*Addressing the significant financial challenges created by industrial action in 2023/24, and immediate actions to take*” to enable management of the financial and performance pressures created by industrial action following discussions with Government, and to reiterate cancer funding is for confirmed cancer priorities.

Cancer Workforce Development

Natasha Koerner, Portfolio Manager, Midlands Region, WT&E, NHS England provided an overview of workforce offers. She updated on the national cancer and diagnostic dashboard which is a workforce planning tool expected to be signed off and rolled out shortly.

Cancer Screening Update

The Board was presented with a screening report for November 2023 for information. There were no issues to report.

Any Other Business

Mike Ryan, Head of Service, EMCA, updated that the team will be transferring to Nottinghamshire ICB as a host on behalf of all of the East Midlands organisations, and will provide a full update to the next meeting.

Mike also highlighted that Dr Ben Noble, EMCA GP Primary Care Lea, has been presented with The John Perry Award from the British Computer Society (a national award) for outstanding contribution to primary care technology development for the “Cancer Maps” decision support tool.

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Date of next Board Meeting:

22 January 2024 @ 1pm – 3pm via MS Teams.

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