

Macmillan Primary Care Cancer Education Project (MPriCE) - In collaboration with The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust**PROJECT BRIEF****Background**

The recently published *NHS long-term plan* provided a framework for local systems to develop plans directed at optimal patients support, adequate and timely joined-up care. For cancer care, the plan indicated that the NHS would maximise all efforts at improving cancer survival through earlier diagnosis. It sets an ambition to increase the proportion of cancers diagnosed at stages 1 and 2 from half to three-quarters by 2028. In response to this plan, Cancer Alliances across the country are working closely with their Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) and Primary Care Networks to lead on the ambition set in the long-term plan towards improving cancer survival with specific action plans to be achieved by 2023/24. One of the actions highlighted in Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) by the Cancer Alliance at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in achieving the ambition is the development of training and educational programmes for healthcare workforce across C&M.

Project Aim

To improve care, experience and outcomes for patients with suspected & diagnosed cancer through the development of equitable cancer education for primary care workforce across C&M.

Objectives

- To explore cancer education needs of primary care staff across C&M.
- To identify key cancer educational and training courses that would enable primary care staff to assess, investigate, effectively refer and support patients for timely care in line with the NHS long-term plan and ambitions set towards cancer prevention, screening, early diagnosis and improved cancer survival.
- To develop a strategy and action plan for the implementation of a consistent and equitable provision of cancer education to upskill primary care workforce across C&M.

In achieving the project aim and objectives, the following would be undertaken:

- Mapping and scoping of all cancer education for primary care across C&M (including the identification of good practice from other regions) through surveys, one to one interviews, consultations and gap analysis;
- Identification and development of robust relationships and partnerships with professionals, patients, institutions/ organisations/ charities and providers of cancer care, support and education;
- Options appraisal for an accessible IT platform that is fully costed with a plan for delivery and sustainability;
- Collaboration with key stakeholders for investment towards implementation of a centralised cancer education repository accessible to primary care workforce across C&M;
- Development of a strategy and action plan for the implementation of a centralised cancer education repository based at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

Project impact and potential long-term outcomes

Project completion will guide implementation/ provision of a more accessible, equitable, standardised and sustainable cancer education programme relevant to local practice for primary care workforce across C&M. This would include:

- (i) Access to on-line cancer educational portals/ e-learning resources to support continuous development of primary care workforce;
- (ii) A centralised platform based at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre for the coordination of cancer education programmes for the primary care workforce in C&M;
- (iii) Completion of agreed and accredited cancer education courses to increase knowledge, awareness and confidence of C&M primary care workforce in the delivery of standardised care and support to their patients.

Overall, it is expected that in the long term, the project would contribute to:

- Improvement in **cancer detection and referral rates** across C&M
- Reduction in **cancer incidence rate**
- Increase in 5 to 10-year **cancer survival rate**
- Improvement in **cancer patient experience**
- Improvement in **quality of life** of cancer patients in C&M

Project Funders and Host Organisation

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Wirral

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