



London cancer services: Implementing the model of care

London Borough of Camden, Islington, Barnet,
Haringey and Enfield

North Central London Joint Health Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

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Developing the model of care

- 45 clinicians working over 12 months
- Three work areas: early diagnosis; common cancers and general care; rarer cancers and specialist care
- Patient panel to ensure strong patient voice
- Case for change: December 2009
- Model of care: August 2010
- Extensive 3-month engagement on proposals – over 85 per cent of survey respondents supportive
- London GP Council has endorsed the recommendations

The case for change

- Later diagnosis has been a major factor in causing poorer relative survival rates
- There are areas of excellence in London but inequalities in access and outcomes exist
- Treatment and care should be standardised
- Specialist surgery is taking place on too many sites: common treatments are available on too few
- Comprehensive pathways should be commissioned; organisational boundaries should not be a barrier

The model of care

- Improve early diagnosis by addressing public awareness, GP access to diagnostics, screening uptake rates and health inequalities
- Extended local provision of common cancer services, such as chemotherapy, non-complex surgery and acute oncology. Further consolidation of surgical services for rarer cancers into specialist centres
- Providers working together in a small number of integrated systems delivering standardised pathways

Early diagnosis

- Working group consisting of GPs, public health consultants, diagnostic experts and patient representatives
- Aim is to identify the most effective evidence based interventions to improve early diagnosis
- The shadow London Health Improvement Board has selected prevention and early diagnosis as a priority – reporting in October
- Health and Wellbeing boards will support this process locally, recognising local population issues and promoting positive messages

Integrated cancer systems

- Groups of hospitals working together to ensure that patients experience seamless cancer care
- Integrated cancer system specification developed in partnership with cancer community
- Two proposed systems submitted system and service plans on 30th June
- ‘The Crescent’ and London Cancer
- Assurance process completed involving GPs, nurses, Macmillan, external clinical experts and commissioners
- Recommendations to commissioners in September

Next steps

- Continue to support integrated systems in their service planning
- Share possible local implications with Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees in late autumn

- Further information

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- Further queries

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