

Gateway reference number: 14879

**National Cancer Action Team**  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Portland House  
Bressenden Place  
London  
SW1E 5RS  
Tel: 020 8282 6331



Room 403,  
Wellington House  
135-155 Waterloo Road  
London SE1 8UG  
Tel: 020 7972 4906

7 October 2010

Dear Colleague

### **General Practice Profiles on Cancer**

I am writing to bring to your attention a new resource, which we hope, will help drive local improvements in cancer care. It is widely recognised that GPs have very important roles in prevention and early diagnosis of cancer as well as in supporting patients through and after treatment and at the end of life. However, until recently there has been very little information available to enable general practices to benchmark their own activity and performance against that of other practices.

The National Cancer Intelligence Network and the Association of Public Health Observatories have now developed a first edition of GP Practice profiles on cancer. These profiles currently cover (amongst other things):

- Take up of cancer screening (to be added imminently)
- Utilisation of the 2 week wait urgent referral route
- The proportion of patients referred urgently who are subsequently diagnosed with cancer
- Endoscopy procedures
- Emergency presentations of new patients with cancer
- Emergency admissions of all patients with cancer

Over time, we are planning to extend the range of indicators to include, for example, utilisation of other diagnostic tests relevant to cancer.

In this first phase of rollout the profiles will be available through the Cancer Commissioning Toolkit. This is already available to NHS employees and almost all PCTs are now registered. You can register for access to these profiles at <https://www.cancertoolkit.co.uk> Access is being extended to GPs. In due course, we would envisage information like this being made available to the public.

We would encourage whoever leads on cancer within your organisation to access the profiles. This will enable them to assess variations between GP

practices across your PCT and to compare local performance with that across the country. We also believe that this information will be useful for discussions with individual practices

Alongside the work of individual PCTs, the National Cancer Action Team is working with cancer networks to strengthen primary care engagement on cancer. GP Leads have been funded to visit practices, especially those that are outliers in terms of their profiles, to discuss the profiles with them.

You may wish to speak to your GP Lead about their work and, particularly, about which practices they are working with in your area. A list of the current GP Leads is attached with this letter.

We recognise that we will not have got the profiles right first time, and want to work to improve them over time. We would therefore, be very grateful if you could provide feedback about the practice profiles and the way you have used them.

If your organisation does not have access or would find it helpful for the profiles to be sent directly to someone in your PCT organisation, then you can email [profiles@ncin.org.uk](mailto:profiles@ncin.org.uk). Please also use this address if you need more information or wish to provide any feedback. For more information about GP Leadership Project and Cancer Network, GP Practice Profile and Audit leads please contact: Kathy Elliott at the National Cancer Action Team ([kathy.elliott@ncat.nhs.uk](mailto:kathy.elliott@ncat.nhs.uk))

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Richards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Professor Sir Mike Richards  
National Cancer Director

**GP Leadership Project**  
**GP PRACTICE PROFILES AND AUDIT LEADS**

Network	Network Director	GP Practice Profile/ Audit Lead	
<b>3 Counties</b>	Fiona Bonas	Charles Buckley	<a href="mailto:Charles.Buckley@glos.nhs.uk">Charles.Buckley@glos.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Anglia CN</b>	Audrey Bradford	David Plume (Interim)	<a href="mailto:dplume@nhs.net">dplume@nhs.net</a>
<b>Arden</b>	Danielle Taylor	Network recruiting	
<b>Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire</b>	Mary Barnes	Alison Wint	<a href="mailto:Alison.wint@nhs.net">Alison.wint@nhs.net</a>
<b>Central South Coast</b>	Loretta Kinsella	David Isaac	<a href="mailto:David.Isaac@gp-j84011.nhs.uk">David.Isaac@gp-j84011.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:davida@gatcom.freemove.co.uk">davida@gatcom.freemove.co.uk</a>
<b>Dorset</b>	Rachael Rowe	Network recruiting	
<b>East Midlands</b>	Elsbeth MacDonald	Stephen Rogers	<a href="mailto:stephen.rogers@northants.nhs.uk">stephen.rogers@northants.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Essex</b>	Sue Maughn	Liz Towers	<a href="mailto:Elizabeth.towers@nhs.net">Elizabeth.towers@nhs.net</a>
<b>Greater Manchester and Cheshire</b>	Toni Mathie	Petula Chatterjee/ Dr Foster	<a href="mailto:petula.chatterjee2@nhs.net">petula.chatterjee2@nhs.net</a>
<b>Greater Midlands</b>	Tricia Lowe	Bruce Eden	<a href="mailto:Bruce.Eden@wolvespct.nhs.uk">Bruce.Eden@wolvespct.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Humber and Yorkshire Coast</b>	Julie Taylor Clark	Network recruiting	
<b>Kent and Medway</b>	Stuart Dicker	Mike Parks	<a href="mailto:michael.parks@nhs.net">michael.parks@nhs.net</a>
<b>Lancashire and South Cumbria</b>	Kath Nuttall	Chris Ainsworth	<a href="mailto:chris@ainsworths.org">chris@ainsworths.org</a>
<b>Merseyside and Cheshire</b>	Pat Higgins	Murray Freeman	<a href="mailto:murray.freeman@nhs.net">murray.freeman@nhs.net</a> <a href="mailto:melanie.forrest@nhs.net">melanie.forrest@nhs.net</a>
<b>Mount Vernon</b>	Barbara Gill	Phil Sawyer	<a href="mailto:Philip.Sawyer@gp-E82060.nhs.uk">Philip.Sawyer@gp-E82060.nhs.uk</a>
<b>North London</b>	Julie Lees	Kevan Ritchie	<a href="mailto:kevanritchie@nhs.net">kevanritchie@nhs.net</a>
<b>North of England CN</b>	Roy McLachlan	Geoff Stephenson	<a href="mailto:geoff.stephenson@gp-A89010.nhs.uk">geoff.stephenson@gp-A89010.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Michael.Allison@sotw.nhs.uk">Michael.Allison@sotw.nhs.uk</a>
<b>North Trent</b>	Kim Fell	Anthony Gore	<a href="mailto:anthony.gore@nhs.net">anthony.gore@nhs.net</a> <a href="mailto:Anthony.Gore@gp-c88041.nhs.uk">Anthony.Gore@gp-c88041.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Northeast London</b>	Bob Park	Network recruiting	
<b>Pan Birmingham</b>	Karen Metcalf	Jackie Dominey	<a href="mailto:jackie.dominey@westmidlands.nhs.uk">jackie.dominey@westmidlands.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:jackie.dominey@benpct.nhs.uk">jackie.dominey@benpct.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Peninsula</b>	John Harrison	Sarah Gray Chris Bowman	<a href="mailto:saragray@linone.net">saragray@linone.net</a> <a href="mailto:christopher.bowman@nhs.net">christopher.bowman@nhs.net</a>
<b>Southeast London</b>	Alastair Whittington	Cathy Burton	<a href="mailto:calburton@gmail.com">calburton@gmail.com</a>
<b>Southwest London</b>	Alison Hill	Tony Brzezicki	<a href="mailto:tony@brzez.demon.co.uk">tony@brzez.demon.co.uk</a>
<b>Sussex</b>	Deborah Tomalin	<b>BHCPCT</b> - Christa Beesley <b>East Sx</b> - Matthew Thomas and Charlotte Harrison <b>West Sx</b> - Alison Smith	<a href="mailto:christa.beesley@nhs.net">christa.beesley@nhs.net</a> <a href="mailto:mathew.thomas@nhs.net">mathew.thomas@nhs.net</a> <a href="mailto:charlotteharrison@nhs.net">charlotteharrison@nhs.net</a> <a href="mailto:alison.smith27@nhs.net">alison.smith27@nhs.net</a>
<b>SWSH</b>	Philip McNamara	Amanda Free	(email address pending)
<b>Thames Valley</b>	Pay Hays	Network recruiting	
<b>West London</b>	Carolyn Garritt	Camilla Ducker/ Pawan Randev	<a href="mailto:Camilla.ducker@westminster-pct.nhs.uk">Camilla.ducker@westminster-pct.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:pawan.randev@nhs.net">pawan.randev@nhs.net</a>
<b>Yorkshire</b>	Carol Ferguson	Network recruiting	