

## CANCER NEWS FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH

### **PLEASE READ THIS**

#### **Important news re cancer pathway developments**

##### **FIT. Faecal Immunochemical Test**

We are hoping to start using FIT in primary care in place of FOB before the end of March 2019. (There are currently problems with processing FOB at PCH and it will not be available again.) The labs will send out the new kits before the 'go live' date which will be confirmed shortly. It is a single test and will contain an illustrated leaflet on how to perform the test

We will also shortly be sending out various explanatory pieces of information

- a. A one page information sheet for GPs
- b. A copy of the patient leaflet
- c. A CRUK aid memoire about the difference between FIT testing in primary care and FIT testing as part of the bowel screening programme  
(The change from FOB to FIT for national screening is due to occur in April 2019)
- d. An explanation of the pathway for FIT +ve patients.

##### **PEDAS. Peterborough Early Diagnosis and Assessment Service.**

This is a new service due to start in May/June. It is a one-year pilot. It is a GP led service bookable through ERS.

**It is NOT a 2ww service.** The aim of the clinic is to offer a service to patients where there is the concern about a possible cancer diagnosis but the patient's symptoms **DO NOT** fit an established 2ww pathway.

Details of the service and pathway will be sent out separately.

There is a proforma and certain tests will be mandatory before referral.

The expectation is that patients will be seen within 2 weeks.

##### **Peterborough CCC (Cancer Care in the Community)**

There will be a new team of nurses supporting cancer patients in the community starting in April. The service will probably go fully live in May. This is based on a model successfully piloted in Huntingdon in 2015. The nurses will be based at PCH but will provide support and treatment to patients in the community. They will be aligned with practices and cover their geographic area. Further details will be sent out and the new nurses will be approaching practices to introduce themselves.

This service will now cover all practices in the old Peterborough and Huntingdon localities but not Wisbech and Cambridge. Eventually the plan is to develop services across the whole of Cambridgeshire. There is also a community-based pilot starting in Granta practice in Cambridge.

##### **RCGP and CRUK Cancer event 15<sup>th</sup> May**

This is a meeting 9.30 to 4.30 near Cambridge, venue to be arranged. This is the link to the event and booking. The flyer has gone out via the gateway already

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