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## Wessex Cancer Alliance Update Bulletin 6.

Please find below, details of the most recent communications and guidance issued for Cancer.

### Wessex Cancer Alliance

- A **Wessex LMC webinar for primary care** colleagues, will be taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. The webinar will be a forum to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on cancer pathways in Wessex. There will be a clinical expert panel to run a Q&A as part of the webinar. Invitations with a full agenda and link to the webinar, will be circulated this week. Please email the Wessex LMC if you do not receive an invite and would like to participate.
- A really big thank you to Alison Keen, Head of Cancer Nursing at UHS, for delivering the excellent “**Help Us Help You**” video at very short notice as part of the National Cancer Alliances cancer day campaign. Please do keep sharing the important message to patients that cancer services are still running during the pandemic. The video can be found here: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1255487917193134088>
- The attached briefing paper for **SafeFit** has been shared with health and care professionals. UKONS has also shared this with their members. Further information and the official launch of this service will be announced shortly.

### Dorset Cancer Partnership

- Dorset are running a **#Hereforyou** campaign across social media, with various videos and messages from professionals across the Dorset ICS, encouraging people to access NHS services when they need them. Sarnia Ward recorded this message at the end of last week: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1256166798275338240>
- DCP continue to work closely with Wessex Cancer Alliance, the Dorset system partners and with both the SW and SE Regional teams.

### National Information

- Simon Stevens wrote to NHS staff last week, about the second phase of the NHS response to Covid-19. His letter is attached.
- Recently published; ‘**Guidance on recommending gastrointestinal endoscopy**’; is attached
- ‘Guidance for the **Management of Acute Oncology Patients** During the Coronavirus Pandemic’, has been published and is attached.
- A letter detailing the **expansion of patient testing for Covid-19**, is attached.
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** is being published here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/secondary-care/other-resources/specialty-guides/>
- Macmillan are now offering a **Telephone Buddying** service to people living with cancer across the UK. This will see trained and supported Macmillan volunteers offering a weekly telephone chat service, providing a listening ear and low-level emotional support, as well signposting to our and other appropriate services. Following this [link](#) will take you to the page on the Macmillan website where you can refer someone, or the link can be shared for people to self-refer.



- Materials to support the **Help Us to Help You** campaign can be downloaded from this link: <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/nhs-resources-facilities/resources/open-for-business/>
- **Healthwatch England** have published some useful information on their website for cancer patients: <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/advice-and-information/2020-04-28/cancer-and-coronavirus>
- To support people living with cancer, Macmillan has developed a **Coronavirus Hub** which contains useful information relating to coronavirus and FAQs <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/coronavirus> . This information is updated continuously. Macmillan asked some Consultant colleagues to answer the most frequently asked questions from the Support Line. You can find these videos here: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/coronavirus/cancer-treatment-and-coronavirus>.
- Cancer Care Maps is an online resource which provides details of support groups and services in each area and can be filtered through postcode searches. A poster and leaflet about this website, is attached.

### Regional Information

- Please find two new published guidance documents for Colorectal Cancer attached
  - **Colorectal risk stratification guidance** (published 24 April)
  - **Clinical guide for triaging patients with suspected colorectal cancer** (27 April)
- NHS E&I SE regional team are holding a webinar for staff 11am-12noon on 6 May 2020: ***Supporting psychological wellbeing during Covid 19 – A practical webinar for frontline staff***. Details of speakers and link to the webinar are attached.
- **Your GP is still open**: Macmillan GP's in the South East have helped to put the following video together; feel free to share on your website and social media platforms: <https://youtu.be/O7JDiuEG15c>

### Contact us

If you need to contact Wessex Cancer Alliance or Dorset Cancer Partnership, please email:

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