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COVID-19 – Communication from the national team of the NHS Cancer Programme

To: Cancer Alliance Chairs, Clinical Chairs, and Managing Directors

Cc: Regional Cancer SROs, Regional Cancer Deputy SROs, Regional Cancer Programme Leads

For information: Advice on maintaining cancer treatment during the COVID-19 response

Dear all

Please find a letter from Cally Palmer, Peter Johnson and Steve Powis, on *Advice on maintaining cancer treatment during the COVID-19 response* [here](#) (and [here](#) on the Workspace). Please help to share the letter with colleagues throughout your Alliance. As the letter says, it is crucial that:

- **Essential and urgent cancer treatments must continue. Cancer specialists should discuss with their patients whether it is more risky for them to undergo or to delay treatment at this time.**
- Where referrals or treatment plans depart from normal practice, safety-netting must be in place so that patients can be followed up.
- Urgent consideration should be given to consolidating cancer surgery in a COVID-free hub, with centralised triage to prioritise patients based on clinical need.

If you have any questions, please send them to england.cancerpolicy@nhs.net including **COVID-19 QUERY** in the subject line.

Best wishes
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