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## Wessex Cancer Alliance Update Bulletin 2.

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

### Wessex Cancer Alliance

- The Directors and Chair of Wessex Cancer Alliance issued a joint letter to CEO's – please see attached
- Our local patient information website, Cancer Matters, is being updated regularly and has specific Covid-19 advice - <https://cancermatterswessex.nhs.uk/>
- The Macmillan funded project 'Right By You – Integrated' due to go live in Southampton City and West Dorset has been put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. Many thanks to all those involved in the work to date but a special thank you to Macmillan Cancer Support, Wessex Voices and the two Health Watch organisations involved with the scoping work. We will re-assess the situation in 3 months' time.
- Supported Self-Management: a webpage containing advice and support for cancer patients is being developed with local GPs and Wessex Cancer Alliance and a link will be shared to this new webpage shortly. It is important that patients know they still need to make arrangements to speak with their GP if they have any concerns. Cancer doesn't care about coronavirus. Many things are being put on hold at the moment. Cancer isn't one of them.

### Dorset Cancer Partnership

- DCP are continuing to work closely with Wessex Cancer Alliance, the Dorset system partners and with both the SW and SE Regional teams.

### National Information

- An update on the Government's shielding policy and implications for General Practice, has been published – see attached letter
- **Key documents** published nationally, can be found via: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/>
- **FAQ's** for Clinicians: the following FAQ's document was shared last week with useful information for both Primary Care and Trusts. Follow the link below or find PDF attached: [https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200403-Clinician-FAQs-v\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200403-Clinician-FAQs-v_FINAL.pdf)
- National messages around **PPE**, **Primary Care** and the **Independent Sector** have been shared this week via email – a copy of this is attached for your information.
- A **Clinical guide for the management of palliative care in hospital during the coronavirus pandemic** has been shared on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0081-Speciality-guide-Palliative-care-and-coronavirus-FINAL-02.04.20.pdf>
- A **Speciality guide for endoscopy and coronavirus** has also be published – a pdf is attached.
- **Royal College of Radiologists**: There have been several updates to the [RCR document repository](#) this week including papers on lung and skin cancers. Please keep checking the site and share this resource widely. It is open to non-RCR members too.



- A National message about **Cancer Waiting Times**: Version 10.1 of the Cancer Waiting Times guidance will **not** be introduced from 1st April 2020 as planned. Changes planned for this version will be introduced as part of a more comprehensive v.11 update later in the year. Trusts should continue to use the current version of the [guidance version 10.0](#) alongside the interim guidance circulated for use during the COVID-19 incident. Thank you for all of your comments on the draft guidance – they will not be lost and will be incorporated into v.11.
- **Specialty guidance for cancer** is being published here:  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/secondary-care/other-resources/specialty-guides/>
- An email and letter was circulated on 30 March 2020 from the National team, regarding **Advice on maintaining cancer treatment during the COVID-19 response** – a copy of this email is attached.
- Self-Management Courses – please find a flyer attached from Macmillan about iHope; a free online self-management course for cancer patients. Patients can register themselves to join a 6 week course starting 6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May or 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- The Macmillan Support Line has amended their opening hours: for information, support or just someone to talk to, call 0808 808 00 00 or visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk). The support line is currently open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm and is free to call.

### Regional Information

- **Tumour Site Pathway** updates and guidance: please see attached word document with all guidance and pathway documents embedded.
- **Primary Care Guidance**: Regional Guidance can also be found in the attached word document.
- **HLOW PPE guidance** was shared with Trusts at the end of last week and a copy of this guidance is attached.

### Contact us

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