



Thames Valley Cancer Alliance

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National news

Help promote the Under 16 Cancer Patient Experience survey



The Under 16 **Cancer Patient Experience Survey (U16 CPES)** gathers feedback on cancer care from children across England.

Patients under 16, diagnosed with cancer or a tumour, and treated in an NHS Principal Treatment Centre in 2024 will be invited to participate from 11 April 2025.

Please help raise awareness by sharing this survey with your networks. Encourage participation to ensure young patients' voices are heard.

Communication resources including a toolkit, posters, social graphics, and videos are available to support promotion.

For questions, email england.insight-queries@nhs.net.

New Partnership: NHS England & Everyone Active for early cancer detection

NHS England has partnered with leisure operator Everyone Active to raise awareness of cancer symptoms. Over 230 centres will highlight key signs, encouraging people to check their bodies and contact their GP if something feels wrong.

Learn more: www.england.nhs.uk

Harnessing the benefits of physical activity across the NHS in England

New webpages have been launched for health and care professionals in England, emphasizing the importance of integrating physical activity into systems and communities.

The 'four ways forward' initiative aligns with governmental goals and provides tools, resources, and case studies to support staff in promoting physical activity. These pages will also feature blogs, case studies, and podcasts on integration approaches. For more information, visit the [webpage here](#).

Toolkit: COVID-19 spring vaccination programme

[The NHS national booking system](#) is now open for 7.5 million eligible people to book their spring Covid-19 vaccination starting from April 1.

Eligibility includes:

- Adults aged 75+
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- People with weakened immune systems

[A blog](#) with full eligibility details is available and a [communications toolkit](#) has also been created containing key messages, assets, and useful links.



Alliance updates

Thank you to William Butler, TVCA PPG Chair

After over three years as Chair of the TVCA Patient Partnership Group (PPG) and a member of the TVCA Executive Board, William Butler will step down in March 2025. TVCA extends a heartfelt thank you for his contributions.

However, this is not goodbye—William will continue supporting TVCA on a voluntary basis.

Place updates

Get Involved: Shaping RBFT's Future Strategy

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust is refreshing its Trust Strategy to outline its vision and plans for the next five years, shaping healthcare in Berkshire West.

Share your ideas by filling out the online survey: [Get Involved: Creating Our Trust Strategy with our Partner Organisations](#)

Join focus groups starting from May—stay tuned for event details.

Download the [poster here](#)

Your input will help shape the future of local healthcare!

Training and events

Induction session for new Cancer Alliance staff

The National Cancer Programme will be hosting a virtual induction session for new starters in Cancer Alliances from 2-4pm on Tuesday 29 April.

If you are interested in attending, or know colleagues who would benefit from attending the session, please email england.canceralliances@nhs.net with your name, role and the Alliance that you work in.

Patient facing resources

Action Bladder Cancer UK calls on Health Professionals to raise awareness



Action Bladder Cancer UK urges health professionals to support Bladder Cancer Awareness Month in May by raising awareness of symptoms and ABC UK's work.

Over 20,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with bladder cancer annually, yet it's not widely recognized. Key symptoms include blood in urine (even once), frequent urination, and pelvic pain. Early detection is crucial, especially as symptoms can be mistaken for other conditions, particularly in women.

Health professionals and partners can help by sharing information online, using social media, running awareness events, or fundraising. ABC UK provides resources like printed materials, badges, and social media assets.

For more information, resources, or to get involved, visit www.actionbladdercanceruk.org or email info@actionbladdercanceruk.org.



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