



Thames Valley Cancer Alliance

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National news

Shingles vaccine eligibility expanded for Cancer Patients

Around 300,000 more people, including those with conditions like lymphoma or undergoing chemotherapy and at a higher risk of serious illness from shingles, are now eligible for a free shingles vaccine.

The NHS is expanding the program to offer the jab to all severely immunosuppressed adults, with appointments available through GP surgeries. Read more here: [NHS England » Shingles vaccine to be offered to hundreds of thousands more immunosuppressed adults](#)

Alliance updates

Somerset Cancer Register: Active Surveillance

The Somerset Cancer Register (SCR) team has launched a new Active Surveillance referral form in its Remote Monitoring System (RMS).

You can watch a three-minute video overview of its key features here: [SCR - RMS Active Surveillance](#)

For more information, email: cancerreg@somersetft.nhs.uk

Training and events

National Cancer Manager Network Conference

The National Cancer Programme is hosting its annual National Cancer Manager Network Conference on Tuesday, 14 October 2025, at the Leicester Tigers Rugby Club from 10am to 4:15pm.

The conference is a key opportunity for Cancer Managers from across England to network and share best practices. The agenda includes presentations on:

- Improvement at North West Anglia Foundation Trust
- The tiering journey at The Royal Wolverhampton Trust
- Using data from NATCAN to improve patient outcomes
- A national performance and guidance update

Book your place here: [National Cancer Manager Network Training Event 2025, Tue, Oct 14 | Eventbrite](#)

Tickets are limited to two attendees per Trust and are for those in a cancer management role.

If tickets sell out, email england.cancerperformance@nhs.net to be added to the waiting list.

Webinar: Prehabilitation and Pre-treatment Interventions

Colleagues are invited to a webinar on 11 September, 11:30am - 1pm to discuss prehabilitation and pre-treatment Interventions.

The session will include a range of speakers and an overview of the new Macmillan clinical and implementation guidelines.

Register here: [LWBC Share & Learn - Prehabilitation & Pre-treatment Interventions | NHS England Events](#)

Headline

Patient facing resources

Cancer awareness campaigns in September.



Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Blood cancers are the fifth most common type of cancer in the UK. This month highlights the importance of early diagnosis, research, and improved treatments for leukaemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. More:

bloodcancer.org.uk

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Around 1,800 children are diagnosed with cancer in the UK each year. This campaign shines a

light on the urgent need for research, family support, and access to tailored treatment. More: **childrenwithcancer.org.uk**

Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month

From ovarian to cervical cancer, gynaecological cancers affect thousands of women annually. Awareness efforts this month focus on recognising symptoms, improving screening, and supporting patients. More: **eveappeal.org.uk**

Urology Cancer Awareness Month

Cancers of the bladder, kidney, prostate, and testes make up a significant proportion of cases in the UK. This month encourages vigilance around symptoms and promotes advances in screening and care. More: **fightbladdercancer.co.uk**

Jeans for Genes Week (15 - 22 September 2025)

Genetic conditions affect 1 in 10 people in the UK, and some inherited changes can increase cancer risk. Jeans for Genes Week raises funds to support those living with genetic disorders, many of whom face overlapping challenges in cancer care. More: **jeansforgenes.org**

Know Your Numbers! Week (8–14 September 2025)

High blood pressure is the “silent killer”—often symptomless but a major risk for

heart attacks, strokes, and kidney disease. Around 5 million UK adults live with undiagnosed high blood pressure. For people living with cancer, regular monitoring is especially important, as some treatments can make blood pressure harder to manage. More: [bloodpressureuk.org](https://www.bloodpressureuk.org)



Stoptober 2025: New resources available to order

Stoptober is back with a fresh set of campaign materials to help encourage smokers to quit this October.

A full calendar of resources is now available, including both 'ready-to-use' and customisable assets, giving you everything you need to engage your audiences from mid-September through to 31 October.

To download the toolkit and other materials:

- Visit the Campaign Resource Centre: [Toolkit and social media content calendar | Stoptober 2025](#)
- Contact us at: england.tvcaadmin@nhs.net
- Contact the Partnerships Team at partnerships@dhsc.gov.uk

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