



# Thames Valley Cancer Alliance

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## National news

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### Cancer Plan

The Minister for Health has confirmed that the national cancer plan will be published early in the new year, with a provisional date of February 2026. The plan is expected to outline key priorities and future strategy for cancer services across England. Further updates will be shared as details are released by the Department of Health and Social Care.

View Commons statement here: [Parliamentlive.tv - House of Commons](#)

### Cancer Patient Experience Surveys

Fieldwork for the 2024–25 Adult Cancer Patient Experience Survey will begin in November.

Results from the Under-16 Cancer Patient Experience Survey will be published on 6 November, with a national webinar on the findings to follow later in the month. More information will be shared once available.

You can [sign up to the results webinar here](#) which is hosted by NHS England.

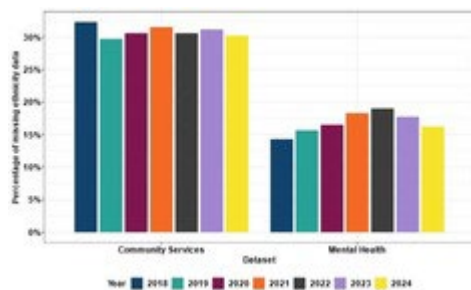
## NHS trial uses AI to speed up prostate cancer diagnosis

The NHS England is launching a new pilot of an AI-powered “one-day diagnostics” service for suspected prostate cancer. Using the Pi™ tool developed by Lucida Medical, MRI scans will be analysed in minutes and, if high-risk findings are flagged, patients could be fast-tracked to radiologist review and same-day biopsy.

The trial, initially at up to 15 hospitals, aims to cut diagnosis delays by up to a month, reducing anxiety and enabling quicker treatment.

Read the full article here: [NHS England » NHS artificial intelligence \(AI\) trial to diagnose prostate cancer up to a month faster](#)

## Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Programme Update



The latest [Healthcare Inequalities Improvement Programme Update](#) features national and local work to tackle health gaps, including a visit to one of the first Probation Neighbourhood Health Services in Cambridge — a pioneering model integrating healthcare for people on probation.

As Black History Month draws to a close, this edition also marks a key milestone with the publication of the [Ethnicity Recording Improvement Plan](#), setting out how the NHS will strengthen the quality and consistency of ethnicity data to improve equity in access, experience, and outcomes.

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## Alliance updates

### Celebrating AHPs: Showcasing Supportive Workforce Development



For AHP Celebration Day on Oct 14, TVCA highlighted the vital role of Supportive AHPs in cancer care.

Nana Kesse, ACCEND Programme Manager, presented to the Supportive AHP Workforce how the ACCEND framework is supporting career development and strengthening capabilities across BOB ICB. This work is helping Supportive AHPs progress, gain recognition

and continue delivering high-quality care for patients.

Watch the presentation here: <https://youtu.be/SbpYws7Tqf8>

## **CRUK and TVCA resources to explain cancer diagnostic tests launched**

Thames Valley Cancer Alliance and Cancer Research UK have launched two information videos, as part of a pilot project, to help patients understand what to expect during a CT scan and an endoscopy.

The CT scan is explained through a short film, while an endoscopy is described using a simple step-by-step animation. Both outline what happens before, during and after the procedure to help reduce anxiety and support understanding for those who may not have English as a first language.

The resources are available in English, Urdu and Polish to improve accessibility across our communities.

We would like to thank Perspectum and Alliance Medical for providing access to scanning facilities and to the staff who generously gave their time to support the filming and production.

This pilot forms part of wider work to support early diagnosis and improve patient experience during cancer investigations.

Watch and share the videos on our [YouTube channel here](#).

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## **Training and events**

### **Registration open: NHS Genomics Healthcare Summit 2025**

Registration is now open for the 2025 NHS Genomics Healthcare Summit, taking place on **Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December 2025** at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, London.

Now in its fourth year, the Summit will share the latest advances in genomic medicine and future plans for genomics-enabled healthcare. The in-person event brings together NHS leaders, clinicians, policymakers, partners and stakeholders for learning, networking and collaboration across the genomics ecosystem.

Register here: [NHS Genomics Healthcare Summit 2025](#)

Attendance is free for NHS staff.

For queries, contact [england.genomics@nhs.net](mailto:england.genomics@nhs.net) or [events@pcc-cic.org.uk](mailto:events@pcc-cic.org.uk).

## **Place updates**

### **Upcoming Webinar: Genomics in Men's Health**

To mark Men's Health Awareness Month in November, Central and South Genomics will host a webinar exploring how genomics is shaping men's health. The session will look at how genetic testing can support earlier detection, identify inherited risk and enable personalised care.

Topics include X-linked conditions, Lynch syndrome, prostate cancer, male infertility and patient experience.

Colleagues across Thames Valley Cancer Alliance are encouraged to attend and share with relevant teams.

**Date:** Friday, 14 November

**Time:** 1-2pm

[Register here](#)

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### **Patient facing resources**

#### **Breast Screening Video**

NHS England has released the [“What happens at your breast screening” video on YouTube](#), with publication on the NHS website to follow soon.

The video aims to help eligible people understand what to expect during screening. Partners are encouraged to share the resource widely through their communication channels.

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