



# Thames Valley Cancer Alliance

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Alongside a look back at news in May, we focus on what's coming up in June across the Thames Valley and nationally.

As ever, your feedback and articles are very welcome: [bobicb-bw.tvca.bulletin@nhs.net](mailto:bobicb-bw.tvca.bulletin@nhs.net)

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## [May recap](#)

**Targeted lung screening programme reaches milestone**



NHS targeted lung screening has now identified more than 10,000 lung cancers nationally, with most diagnosed at an earlier stage, supporting improved outcomes through earlier detection. Read more: [NHS mobile scanning trucks help detect over 10,000 lung cancers early | UK Healthcare News](#)

Further news on Thames Valley's lung cancer screening uptake data will be shared on our website, local media and in next month's bulletin.

### **New rapid cancer immunotherapy injection rolled out on NHS**

Eligible patients across England are set to benefit from a new injectable form of immunotherapy treatment that can significantly reduce treatment administration times. The rollout aims to improve patient experience while helping increase NHS capacity.

More information here: [NHS England » '1-minute' immunotherapy jab rolled out on NHS for tens of thousands with cancer](#)

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## **Coming up in June**

### **Reminder: NICE has published a partial update to NG12 (Suspected Cancer: Recognition and Referral).**

Key changes include:

- **Ovarian cancer:** CA125 testing thresholds are now age-based rather than using a single 35 IU/ml threshold. For women aged 39 and under, ultrasound is recommended rather than relying on CA125 alone.
- **Endometrial cancer and HRT:** Updated guidance clarifies that post menopausal bleeding linked to HRT is excluded from referral recommendations for people aged 55+. NICE has also highlighted the need for local unscheduled bleeding on HRT pathways and issued a new research recommendation in this area.
- **Unexplained weight loss:** People aged 60+ with unexplained weight loss (>5% within six months) should receive further assessment and may require

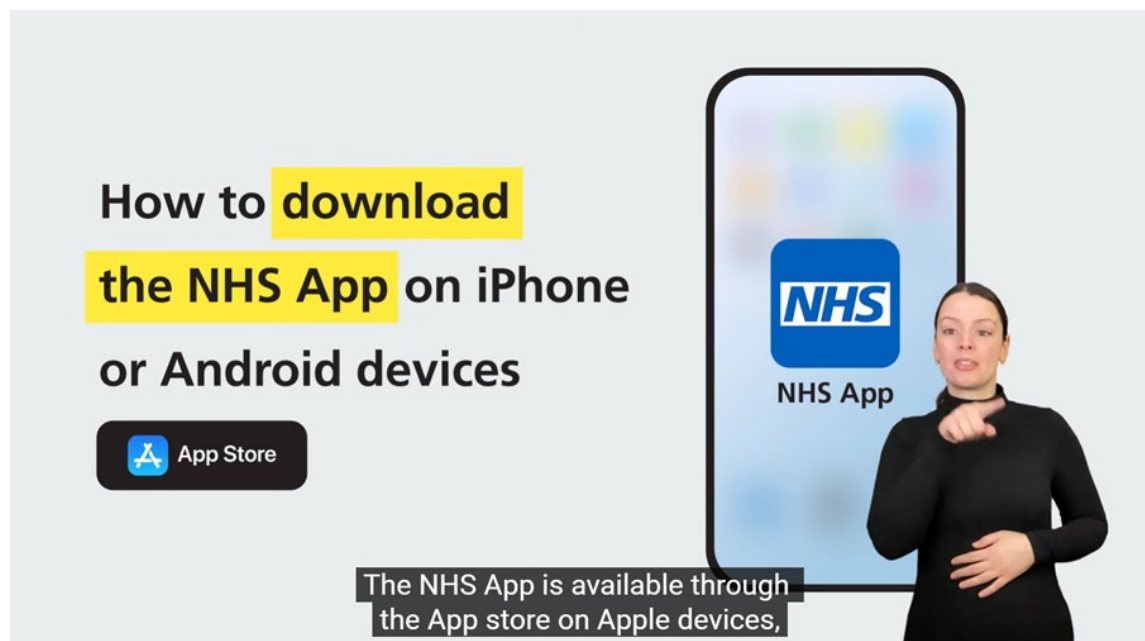
urgent investigation or referral via suspected cancer or non-specific symptoms pathways.

The NHS Cancer Programme worked closely with NICE ahead of publication to ensure the ovarian and endometrial cancer recommendations reflected the latest evidence. The updated [guidance is available here](#)

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## National updates

### New look NHS App



The NHS App has [introduced updates](#) designed to make it easier for patients to access services and information.

Changes include bringing appointment details, consultation notes and events together in one place, alongside a new “Ask about a health problem” feature, allowing patients to contact their GP without booking an appointment.

The updates are based on feedback from patients and staff and support the [10 Year Health Plan](#) ambition to improve and increase use of the NHS App.

Patients can also access [NHS App help guides](#) and [walk-through videos](#) online.

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## Alliance news

No updates

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## Training

### **Improving access to genomics information for Tamil-speaking communities**

Central and South Genomics has produced new Tamil-language resources to support the Generation Study, including a video and translated leaflets.

The NHS-led Generation Study is exploring how whole genome sequencing could help identify rare genetic conditions earlier in newborn babies.

The new resources aim to improve accessibility, support inclusion and encourage participation in genomic medicine and research across diverse communities.

More information is available here: [Central and South Genomics produces Generation Study video for Tamil speakers](#) « [Central and South Genomics](#)

### **Supporting earlier breast cancer diagnosis: on-demand webinar**

GatewayC and NHS England's on-demand webinar, **Supporting earlier breast cancer diagnosis and managing mastalgia**, is available to access online. The session covers breast-related concerns in primary care and approaches to supporting earlier diagnosis.

**Speaker:** Miss Clare Garnsey, Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon and Joint Clinical Lead for Breast Services. [Watch here](#)

### **Headsmart GP webinar – supporting faster diagnosis of brain tumours**

GP practice clinical staff are invited to a webinar introducing **Headsmart GP**, an evidence-based toolkit developed by The Brain Tumour Charity and Royal College of General Practitioners to support earlier recognition of brain tumours in primary care.

**Thursday 11 June, 12.30–1.30pm**

**Register here:** [www.tinyurl.com/msvr4hmn](http://www.tinyurl.com/msvr4hmn)

**Early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer - webinar**

GatewayC is hosting a free CPD-accredited webinar for primary care professionals on **10 June, 12.30–1.15pm**: [Early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer – recognising red flags with confidence](#).

Delivered by Dr Andrew Millar, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, the session will cover family history, key investigations and recognising vague symptoms that may indicate pancreatic cancer, followed by a live Q&A.

A recording will also be available on demand via the GatewayC website. Register now.

### **GPs Talk Cancer Series 4 now available**

New episodes of *GPs Talk Cancer* are now available, including:

- *Cancer and learning disability: change, consent and access to care*. [Listen here](#)
- *Cancer and diet: myth-busting, food fear and reassurance*. [Listen here](#)

**Listen here:**

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## **Events**

### **2026 UK oncology forum**

The 2026 UK Oncology Forum will take place on 11–12 June at the Harrogate Convention Centre. Attendance is free for Cancer Alliances, with exhibition stand space also available.

North Central London and West Yorkshire & Harrogate Cancer Alliances will co-chair a Cancer Alliance “fringe” session exploring how Alliances can maximise their role in delivering the National Cancer Plan. Other Alliances interested in contributing a short presentation are invited to get in touch.

Further information and registration details are available here: [UK Oncology Forum](#)

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## **Patient communications**

### **Cancer campaign awareness dates in June**

# AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS IN JUNE



**MEN'S  
HEALTH WEEK**  
15–21 JUNE



**Focus:** General men's health awareness, including cancers affecting men such as prostate and testicular cancer.



**CERVICAL SCREENING  
AWARENESS WEEK**  
15–21 JUNE



**Focus:** Encouraging cervical screening uptake, prevention awareness, early detection of cervical cancer.  
NHS Cervical Cancer Screening Programme



**MYELOMA  
AWARENESS WEEK**  
15–21 JUNE



**Focus:** Raising awareness of myeloma, a type of blood cancer, and helping people recognise symptoms earlier.  
Myeloma Awareness Week

## Further info:

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**Myeloma Awareness Week 15 – 21 June.** Run by [Myeloma UK](#), focused on raising awareness of myeloma, a type of blood cancer, and helping people recognise symptoms earlier.

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