Delivering the Early Cancer Diagnosis PCN specification 20/21

Getting started – suggested activity

**Improving referral processes**
- Review PCN level reports on PHE Fingertips to benchmark practices and understand variation
- If your PCN has taken part in the National Cancer Diagnosis Audit, use your tailored report to identify areas for improvement
- If your PCN has not taken part in the NCDA, conduct your own audit of the quality of your cancer referrals against NG12 criteria
- Review your practices safety netting processes. Use the CRUK safety netting resources to support you
- Encourage practice staff to take the Gateway C Module ‘Improving the Quality of your Cancer Referrals’

**Improving screening uptake**
- Review PCN level reports for screening uptake on PHE Fingertips
- Review CRUK’s screening good practice guides for bowel and cervical and visit the bowel screening hub for more resources.
- Identify groups of patients where there are inequalities in uptake. Use the CRUK reducing inequalities in bowel screening guide to support you.

**Community of practice**
- Schedule an initial PCN meeting to discuss data and audit findings and identify areas for improvement
- Encourage practices to review and share learning on cancer diagnoses quarterly
- Identify who your local system partners are (CRUK Facilitator, CRUK/Macmillan GPs, CCG/STP Clinical Leads and Programme Managers, Public Health Leads, Patient reps)
- Arrange a Quality Improvement planning session with your local CRUK Facilitator
- Get in touch with your local Facilitator to find out how we can support you with the above and in developing improvement plans

Contact your local CRUK Facilitator at facilitators@cancer.org.uk with any questions or visit cruk.org.uk/facilitators for further support.

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