

Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Groups Cancer Framework – Plan on a Page

The Berkshire West Cancer Framework has been jointly developed with stakeholders from Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Groups, Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust, Public Health, Thames Valley Strategic Cancer Network, Macmillan and Cancer Research UK to improve the outcomes for people affected by cancer. Through this framework we intend to deliver over the next few years the six strategic priorities outlined in “Achieving World-Class Cancer Outcomes: A Strategy for England”. We plan to reduce the mortality rate and increase survival rates through early diagnosis, appropriate interventions, deliver high quality planned care to improve patient experience, promote national and local awareness and provide care closer to home.

National Strategic Priorities

1. Spearhead a radical upgrade in prevention and public health.

2. Drive a national ambition to achieve earlier diagnosis.

3. Establish patient experience on a par with clinical effectiveness and safety.

4. Transform our approach to support for people living with and beyond cancer.

5. Investment to deliver a modern high clinical quality service

6. Overhaul processes for commissioning, accountability and provision

National Task force Ambitions and Planned Local Objectives

National Ambition: Reduction in smoking from 18.4% to less than 13% by 2020 and Increase one year survival (75% by 2020)

1. Working with our Public Health team we will promote healthy life style changes to reduce incidences of preventable cancers by improving achievement of targets for smoking cessation, alcohol and obesity.
2. Increase uptake of early screening for Bowel, Cervical and Breast working with local communities and our voluntary sector partners – CRUK and Macmillan

National Ambition: 95% of patients referred for testing by a GP are definitely diagnosed with cancer or cancer ruled out within four weeks by 2020.

1. Improve patient awareness of attending 2 week referral for suspected cancer (specific project in South Reading CCG working seldom heard groups and ethnic minority groups to overcome barriers)
2. Revise 2 week proformas to include NICE Guidance and ensure all aspects of information is provided
3. Improving early detection of cancers by increasing access to diagnostics
4. Develop a referral pathway to support and enable GPs to make quicker referrals for patients with vague and/or atypical symptoms

National Ambition: All consenting patients to have access to test results and other communications from NHS Providers by 2020.

1. Improve patients experience for the whole cancer pathway working with our patient groups and drive improvement through meaningful patient experience metrics.
2. Rapidly align with the broader digital strategy to increase use of digital technology to communicate with patients and also set up a centralised Cancer Data repository to optimise delivery of patient care.

National Ambition: by 2020 every person with cancer should have access to elements of a ‘Recovery Package’

Embed the living well and beyond cancer programme for Berkshire patients. Including Holistic needs assessment, treatment summaries, GP cancer care reviews, patient education including the provision tools to support self-care, health and wellbeing events and to embed risk stratified pathways for breast and prostate. For patients at the end of their life we support them to die with dignity in their place of choice.

Working with the Thames Valley Cancer Alliance and NHS England we plan to upgrade linear accelerators, define sustainable solutions for new cancer treatments, address workforce deficits and support a broad portfolio of cancer research.

Working with the Thames Valley Cancer Alliance our aim is to design and plan the commission cancer services working with key partners including patients. The transformation bids will support the alliance work to improve early diagnosis, recovery package and risk stratified follow up pathways for breast and prostate cancer and enabling integrated IT systems.