Latest Release of the Northern Cancer Alliance regional 2WW forms. January 2019

The Northern Cancer Alliance is pleased to announce the new forms are now available. This is a brief update of the changes and some resources for you:

System One via the DCS group are ready to use immediately. If you have quick links to the forms in S1 these may need to be updated.

The EMIS version of the forms is now available here (Gateshead, Newcastle, South Tyneside practices with resource publisher do not need to load these again – you already have them):

http://www.northerncanceralliance.nhs.uk/pathway/early-diagnosis/supporting-primary-care

Watch out for the new NCA forms and let your clinical and admin teams know. The RED boxes on the forms indicate where information is required

Upper / Lower GU / Lung / Head and Neck / Prostate pathways rely on the accuracy of the information on the forms to be able to book straight to test for CT / Colonoscopy / MRI.

Clinical Criteria – this has changed or Head and Neck and is now closer to the NICE guidance. Hyperlink to conservative management for low risk symptoms is included on the Upper GI form Advice about using qFIT is in the colorectal form – this is not available yet but will be coming later in the year. Urology now includes some exclusions criteria for MRI – for the new pathway
**Information to Patients – PIL / Easy Read** there is a hyperlink to these for all trusts on each referral form

**Consultations** – the option to merge consultations has been removed because of quality and content issues. Some inappropriate information was being merged and raised concerns about information governance. This was removed from S1 last year and has now been removed from EMIS. It is still possible to select consultations in the eRS window.

**Performance Status** – this is clinical information and should be completed by the referring clinician.

This is essential to safely book direct to test pathways it is only on the form where it is needed

**Clinical Narrative** – must all be visible in the red box (the box does not expand), be careful if pasting into this box.

This is essential information for the safe and appropriate care of your patient

**Blood Tests** – must be taken on the day or before the day the referral is sent. Some of the referrals are triaged within 24 hours of receipt. Indicate the date the blood is sent so that secondary care can find this on ICE.

**Accessible Information** – make sure this is complete – i.e. communication needs,

Remove inappropriate PMH

Seek Support from your local CRUK facilitator

http://www.northerncanceralliance.nhs.uk/pathway/early-diagnosis/supporting-primary-care

**PLEASE DO NOT** let incomplete referrals leave your practice
Resources

- Cancer Alliance Website

- NICE website
  - http://nice.org.uk/guidance/ng12

- CRUK website for health professionals:
  - https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/learning-and-support

- Clinical queries please contact katieelliott@nhs.net or your local cancer lead

- CRUK primary care engagement facilitator via

- Help with EMIS or System One or joining the DCS Group contact the NECS Training Team on 03005550340