

## MEMBERS BULLETIN

### 3rd August 2020

Dear All,

A summary of a lot of new and important information and press releases that have come out of NHSE and DHSC over past couple of days.

### Third phase of NHS response to Covid-19

On Friday NHSE published a [letter](#) from Sir Simon Stevens and Amanda Pritchard setting out the next – third – phase of the NHS response to COVID-19, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

Accelerating the return of non-Covid health services, making full use of the capacity available in the window of opportunity between now and winter is the first item, and restoration of full operation of all cancer services is the first on this list.

This work will be overseen by a national cancer delivery taskforce, involving major patient charities and other key stakeholders. Cancer Alliances are to be commissioned to rapidly draw up delivery plans for September 2020 to March 2021.

### NHS People Plan

One of the elements reference in the phase three letter is the NHS workforce plan. **We are the NHS: People Plan for 2020/21 - actions for us all** was published on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July. We have yet to review from cancer perspective.

### NHS Rolls Out 'Covid-friendly' Cancer Treatments

Press release **NHS Rolls Out 'Covid-friendly' Cancer Treatments** includes a quote from Cancer52 welcoming the fact that some of the positive changes in patient treatment and care that have come about during the pandemic are to be rolled out.

### Monthly Cancer Charity Webinar

Don't forget the NHSE Cancer Policy team **Monthly Cancer Charity Webinar** on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 14.00 - a monthly update and briefing with the NHS Cancer Programme for whole programme and COVID-19 updates. The session will be led by Dame Cally Palmer, National Cancer Director, Professor Peter Johnson, National Clinical Director for Cancer, and David Fitzgerald, Cancer Programme Director. We would expect further updates on topics above.

## Cancer52 All Member Meeting

Is the following Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup> August) at 1030. In Jane's absence it will be chaired by one of Cancer52's policy advisers, Jennifer Mitchell. Dial in details [here](#), further info [Ainsley.taylor@cancer52.org.uk](mailto:Ainsley.taylor@cancer52.org.uk).

## Shielding

Advice for the **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** has been updated from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 in line with what was announced on Monday 22 June. Advice covers employment, support and may be overridden by local advice where incidence rates and transmission are a concern.

Advice to the clinically extremely vulnerable has been and remains advisory.

Please find attached the **email from DHSC**, along with some useful information, including a **Q&A for your internal use** (please do not publish), **a web copy for use on your websites**, if you wish, and **some digital assets**, again to use if you wish.

## Distance aware campaign

As new advice to formerly shielded people is announced there is a new '**Distance Aware**' campaign being rolled out this week across England (it originated in Wales) as it now has formal backing Department for Health and Social Care. It is centred around **a simple symbol** which is aimed at prompting people to remain 'distance aware'. Further info <https://www.bevancommission.org/distance-aware>

**Finally** our [great patient film](#) is now being retweeted by Trusts and Alliances, which is great, and our patient survey will be shared on website shortly.

Best wishes

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