

MITCHAM COMMUNITY FORUM

6 OCTOBER 2021

(7.15 pm - 9.15 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor David Chung (in the Chair),

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Agenda Item 1)

The meeting was held via Zoom, and chaired by Councillor David Chung. Three residents and four councillors attended on Zoom with 81 additional views on YouTube. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would work.

2 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL UPDATE (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Mark Allison, Leader of the Council, thanked the chair for the invitation. Mark has been a Cllr for nearly 20 years and is proud of his connection with the local area. He was born locally in St Helier and grew up in St Helier area before moving to Mitcham. Mark said that Merton is a great community but there are big challenges. Mitcham is one of the more disadvantaged areas and whilst huge progress has been made the COVID pandemic has undone some of the progress hitting areas like Mitcham and Pollards Hill particularly hard. Improving schools has been a vital element in improving life chances. Progress has also included a new leisure centre and new library.

As part of a mixed race family Mark said he is passionate about fairness and being inclusive, including appointing the most diverse cabinet in Merton's history. As Leader he plans to celebrate Merton's diversity.

Mark has been Leader since November so has only experienced the role during the COVID pandemic. Mark launched Merton Together to recognise how many in the community wanted to step up and help their neighbours. Mark thanked everyone in Mitcham who got involved in responding to COVID as their efforts have made a huge difference. Merton Council has worked with the NHS and other partners to help keep people safe but of course many families have lost love ones or had their circumstances changed and their lives may never be the same again. Supporting these households through this will be a major priority.

As a result of the major changes for many we launched the Your Merton engagement exercise to listen to residents about what they value and what their ambitions are for the borough. We are still analysing the results but it is clear that residents value their

community, their local open spaces, and were much more conscious of their local area, especially their local high streets. Mark said he is still in listening mode and wants to hear what people have to say. Three major things have come out of the listening exercise:

- Concerns about the cost of living – which is why we will not be raising parking charges
- The need for better homes – being isolated in poor housing has had a huge impact on some so the council will be investing in development of affordable homes
- People want to feel safe – although Merton is a low crime area people want to feel safe. £1m investment in CCTV coverage

Mark said he knows that there are other local issues that will need addressing and wants to work together, as we did during the pandemic, to tackle the challenges ahead. Mark said he was proud of Merton and Merton's community, and wants to build on residents' priorities.

A resident said that open spaces includes non-parkland including closed graveyards and footpaths that are not well maintained and do not feel safe. They would like the council to think about the small neglected spaces that set the tone for an area. Cllr Allison agreed that it was not just about the big spaces, and use of the smaller areas has increased during the pandemic. Cllr Allison said he was happy to look into the specific areas raised. Sometimes there are no easy answers to improving safety in some cases but will want to work with the community to address their concerns.

3 LONDON ASSEMBLY UPDATE (Agenda Item 3)

Leonie Cooper, Assembly Member for Merton and Wandsworth, provided an update on the work of the London Assembly. Leonie was in Mitcham today talking to local businesses on Willow Lane industrial estate and has been on a call about development in the area.

Assembly is still looking at COVID issues, a [new report](#) by Imperial College London commissioned by the Mayor of London showed strong links between air pollution and greater risk of COVID hospitalisation in addition to the previously established links to ethnicity and deprivation.

The Mayor and London boroughs have offered to help resettle refugees from Afghanistan. Mayor has offered Help to Buy Back fund to local council to source homes for refugees. They have also set up London Refugee Response to coordinate donations and have been overwhelmed by the response. The Mayor has committed a £400k fund to tackle hate and racism. The Mayor is setting up Creative Enterprise Zones to support Londoners who are unemployed or in low paid work including last

support from European Social Fund. There is also £5m for Academies Hub to address skills gaps in key sectors like construction.

The Assembly recently questioned Transport for London about the current funding deal which runs out in December, and TfL needs long term solution. The Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is being expanded to South Circular from 25 October. Current zone has reduced NO2 by 44% and we expect the expanded zone to have a similar impact on encouraging people to change their vehicle. The Assembly asked about keeping public transport COVID secure, including mask mandate. Elizabeth Line trials going well, after many delays, hoping to open in first half of 2022.

The Assembly has called for £20 uplift to Universal Credit to stay, for increased pay for police, solutions to supply issues, for support for HIV in London, restrictions on Freedom passes to be reduced. The Mayor of London has committed to funding social housing, up to 79,000 starts, that are environmentally sustainable.

Violent Crime Reduction unit working with 9 housing associations to reduce crime and divert young people.

If any residents have any issues for Leonie they can email to leonie.cooper@london.gov.uk

Cllr Agatha asked what is being done to tackle violence against women. Leonie said the Home Office announced an inquiry into police behaviour relating to Sarah Everards. Leonie has been meeting regularly with Borough Command Unit and discovered that unconscious bias training is voluntary and feels this should be compulsory for all officers. There has been a debate about the Commissioner, but neither Home Sec nor Mayor have asked her to leave and expect the Commissioner to stay. Misogyny should be designated a hate crime. Leonie expects this will be an ongoing issue at the Assembly and she will be meeting with the Deputy Mayor Sophie Linden to push for more actions.

Cllr Macauley asked about the cuts to the criminal justice system and the significant backlog in the courts, and if the Mayor has lobbied the government to invest in the system.

Leonie said that the Mayor doesn't have control of that area of the criminal justice system so is limited to lobbying, either publicly or privately. There is a widespread recognition that investment is needed to resolve the backlog. It can take up to five years for cases to come to trial. Lobbying is taking place as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review but Leonie was happy to follow up directly.

Cllr Fraser asked about police officer arresting someone when not in uniform. Leonie said it was really important to change the training to address these issues as well as

look at the culture within the organisation as it is clearly not just bad apples. This incident undermines confidence in the police making their job much harder.

4 LOCAL CANCER SERVICES (Agenda Item 4)

Dr Navdeep Alg, South West London Clinical Commissioning Group cancer lead gave a presentation on cancer services in the area. The presentation can be found attached to this report. The pandemic has delayed care and diagnosis in some cancers and there is a need to catch up. This is particularly the case for breast, lung, and urological cancers, mainly due to less screening taking place during the pandemic.

South West London CCG is trying to raise awareness through social media, local press, TV, and non-digital advertising. They are working with an organisation called Community Links to target particular communities and offer information in community languages.

The CCG is also attending public engagement events to have face-to-face contacts. This includes a Cancer Awareness Day at Vestry Hall on 6 November. Dr Alg is happy to attend any community events and asked if anyone has any ideas for events he could attend to email Steven.Nzekwue@swlondon.nhs.uk. Dr Alg also asked attendees to help share the message that services are open and we want to see patients who have symptoms.

Cllr Fraser asked if there is any educational information for young men to encourage them to ask for help. Dr Alg said prostate cancer tends to be an older man's disease so have been prioritising those groups but would be happy to attend any event that target younger men as part of a longer term strategy.

Cllr Macauley asked for information about what services are available at Grand Drive Surgery. Dr Alg said there is different offers for different cancer pathways, for example calling patients to come in for smear tests to catch up with pre-pandemic levels. Grand Drive employs admin staff to follow up people who haven't taken up tests that are available. GPs are also reviewing their referral criteria to improve quality.

Cllr Agatha surprised that so many cancer patients were left behind during the pandemic and catching up is too late for those who may have died. Steven Nzekwue said that we have heard this point and have tried to adopt a multi-pronged approach to those who have been hard to reach including analysing data to target effectively. The NHS is having to manage the impact of Covid across a number of different areas.

Cllr Chung encouraged local community to make sure they access relevant screening services.

5 PUBLIC HEALTH COVID UPDATE (Agenda Item 5)

Barry Causer, Public Health Lead for COVID Resilience, gave a presentation on the latest situation with COVID in Merton. The presentation is attached to this report and covered the latest statistics, and key updates.

The numbers of new infections is 'hovering' but at high levels, mostly driven by schools returning, increased social activity and people returning to work after the summer break. Merton is in the middle of the pack of South West London boroughs, and we need to remain cautious. There are higher numbers of young people, especially secondary school age getting COVID, but there have been breakthrough infections into those people who have been double vaccinated, due to waning immunity levels.

There has been a limited impact of these infections on NHS Indicators, which is different to earlier stages of the pandemic e.g. admissions look stable and the death rate remains low, due to the success of the vaccination programme. The government has announced two plans:

- Plan A based on vaccinations, test, track and trace
- Plan B explain the increased risk, introduce COVID passes, more working from home and mandatory face coverings

The COVID vaccination programme, is our front line of defence and has four strands:

- Evergreen – 1st and 2nd dose vaccinations for those who have not had a vaccine yet
- Boosters – for those most vulnerable e.g. care home residents, those over 50, front-line health and care staff and those with underlying health conditions
- Third dose – for those immunosuppressed residents
- Single dose for 12-15 year olds in schools

It is important to get your annual flu jab if offered by the NHS and those who aren't eligible for a free flu jab can get a flu vaccine for a few pounds at Community Pharmacies across Merton.

Regular asymptomatic testing remains vital and Lateral Flow Tests are available from assisted test sites in Merton (Wilson Hospital and Centre Court shopping centre) and can be collected from libraries, and community pharmacists for home use.

Better Health Merton is an overarching brand for services that support residents to improve their overall health. To find out more you can sign-up for the [Council COVID newsletter](#), and if you would like to be more involved in supporting your community

you can still join the [COVID Champions](#). There is also financial support available to local community groups through [Merton Giving](#).

Cllr Macauley thanked Barry for the campaign to encourage vaccination, especially links with the voluntary sector like Mayors Silver Club. Barry said the voluntary sector has been a critical part of the Merton COVID response and will also be invaluable in supporting the recovery.

6 ROWAN COMMUNITY FACILITY UPDATE (Agenda Item 6)

Rowan Site

James McGinlay, Head of Regeneration, gave an update from Merton Council and SW London CCG. The Rowan Park development including housing, park, community facility and health centre. Significant delay as community facility link to the health centre. Crest Nicholson were the developer but working with another partner, CSM, who will manage the community facility. Revised plans for the centre were agreed in 2020 but clashed with lockdown but Crest Nicholson furloughed staff until this summer. Some design issues for the health centre including noise insulation. Specification for construction has been submitted to CSM for agreement and then the CCG. If all agreed then could be starting on site early 2022.

Mitcham Bridge

The bridge on Bishopford Road collapsed in 2019 due to a heavy weather event. The bridge had to be shored-up, then design and planning permission agreed. The bridge is now complete, with the completion of surface works taking place. This is the final stages, and the bridge will open soon along with works to a wider cycle lane, and replanting 27 trees. The bridge may open before all surrounding work are completed.

A resident asked if the bridge would open this side of Christmas. James said he expect it to, this has been a challenging build but all of the significant works are completed. A resident asked if planting block some of the noise that was previously blocked by the wall on the river side that has been removed. James said tree planting will act as an acoustic barrier. A resident asked if the special bus service has been withdrawn and James replied that he did not expect it to be withdrawn until the bridge is opened but will confirm.

Cllr Agatha asked if it was possible to improve lighting in the area. James said he will need to check what changes will be made. Any improvements needed to be suitable for the park and local wildlife.

7 OPEN FORUM (Agenda Item 7)

Cllr Agatha asked about Christmas lights and James confirmed Mitcham will have lights for Christmas.

Cllr Chung said we have tried to get an update on the plans for Wilson Health Centre and inequality in Mitcham but could not get anything for this meeting. We hope to have something soon.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 8)

Councillor Chung thanked residents for attending and closed the meeting.

The date of the next meetings is Wednesday February 2022 at 7.15pm, venue to be confirmed.

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Cancer care update

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Dr Navdeep Alg

CCG cancer lead (Merton)

Macmillan GP (Merton)

GP, The Grand Drive Surgery



Minute Item 4

Outline

- South West London Cancer catch up-
Pandemic
- Urological Cancers
- Lung Cancers
- Merton community events
- Primary Care Networks



South West London- Covid Cancer catch up

31 day 1st Treatments: Q1-Q3 2019/20 vs 2020/21

SWL

| Tumour Type | Q1 | | Q2 | | Q3 | | Q1-Q3 | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | Difference |
| Urological | 458 | 234 | 446 | 330 | 448 | 401 | 1,352 | 965 | -387 |
| Breast | 348 | 187 | 382 | 232 | 383 | 322 | 1,113 | 741 | -372 |
| Lung | 229 | 159 | 224 | 174 | 226 | 178 | 679 | 511 | -168 |
| Lower Gastrointestinal | 187 | 136 | 201 | 187 | 186 | 191 | 574 | 514 | -60 |
| Skin | 271 | 206 | 268 | 270 | 312 | 317 | 851 | 793 | -58 |
| Head & Neck | 79 | 56 | 81 | 95 | 95 | 74 | 255 | 225 | -30 |
| Haematological | 143 | 126 | 125 | 113 | 143 | 147 | 411 | 386 | -25 |
| Sarcoma | 43 | 36 | 39 | 34 | 53 | 45 | 135 | 115 | -20 |
| Gynaecological | 91 | 94 | 89 | 97 | 115 | 93 | 295 | 284 | -11 |
| Brain/Central Nervous System | 25 | 15 | 15 | 42 | 46 | 26 | 86 | 83 | -3 |
| Other | 31 | 27 | 24 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 89 | 98 | +9 |
| Upper Gastrointestinal | 115 | 117 | 136 | 129 | 112 | 131 | 363 | 377 | +14 |
| Children's | 30 | 42 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 34 | 77 | 102 | +25 |
| Total | 2,050 | 1,435 | 2,056 | 1,765 | 2,174 | 1,994 | 6,280 | 5,194 | -1,086 |

Women is major gap

Likely driven by screening

Covid risk

Graph showing numbers of patients treated from Q1 to Q3, comparing 2019/20 to 2020/21

2,400

Please note:



'Missing' 1st treatments

There are shortfalls in the number of people starting treatment for some tumour types compared to before the pandemic, this represents a clinical risk that people are not having cancer diagnosed and starting treatment.

31% less people are starting treatment for Breast cancer in M&W: Potentially explainable by the screening programme backlog, need to remind people to attend screening appointments and to get symptoms checked.

8% less people starting treatment for Prostate/Bladder cancer in Merton and 22% less in Wandsworth. 6% and 49% less for Lung Merton and Wandsworth respectively: Potentially driven by people overlooking symptoms for these cancers, an aversion or hesitancy to approach primary care, or confusion with covid symptoms (Lung).

| PROSTATE & BLADDER | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2019-20 | 20-21 | Difference# | Difference% |
| NHS CROYDON | 238 | 148 | 90 | 38% |
| NHS KINGSTON | 115 | 77 | 38 | 33% |
| NHS MERTON | 83 | 76 | 7 | 8% |
| NHS RICHMOND | 92 | 75 | 17 | 18% |
| NHS SUTTON | 118 | 77 | 41 | 35% |
| NHS WANDSWORTH | 93 | 73 | 20 | 22% |
| Grand Total | 739 | 526 | 213 | 29% |

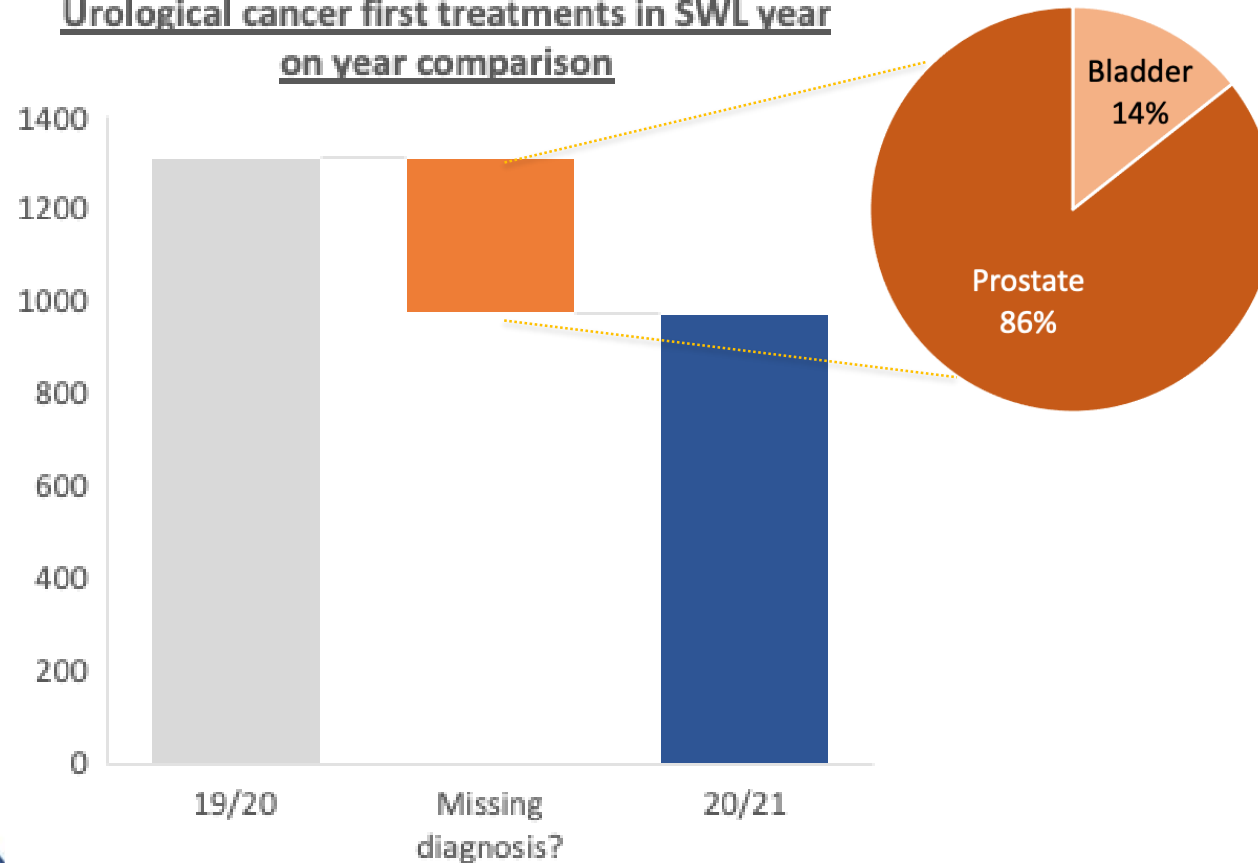
| BREAST | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2019-20 | 20-21 | Difference# | Difference% |
| NHS CROYDON | 205 | 145 | 69 | 29% |
| NHS KINGSTON | 91 | 59 | 32 | 35% |
| NHS MERTON | 80 | 55 | 25 | 31% |
| NHS RICHMOND | 98 | 78 | 20 | 20% |
| NHS SUTTON | 120 | 99 | 21 | 18% |
| NHS WANDSWORTH | 127 | 87 | 40 | 31% |
| Grand Total | 721 | 523 | 198 | 27% |

| LUNG | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2019-20 | 20-21 | Difference# | Difference% |
| NHS CROYDON | 99 | 73 | 26 | 26% |
| NHS KINGSTON | 48 | 30 | 18 | 38% |
| NHS MERTON | 52 | 49 | 3 | 6% |
| NHS RICHMOND | 42 | 40 | 2 | 5% |
| NHS SUTTON | 81 | 72 | 9 | 11% |
| NHS WANDSWORTH | 82 | 42 | 40 | 49% |
| Grand Total | 404 | 306 | 98 | 24% |



Urological cancer and the pandemic

Urological cancer first treatments in SWL year
on year comparison



There were 300+ fewer patients starting treatment for Urological cancers in 20/21 across SWL (compared to the same period the previous year)

Possible explanations

- Remote triage - Reduction in urine dips
- Women repeated treated for UTI without dip/referral for cystoscopy
- Reduced opportunity for opportunistic PSAs
- Reduction in patients presenting for annual PSA tests on 'watch and wait'



Lung Cancer catch up

- Significant reduction in cancer diagnosis
- Worse in Wandsworth
- Emphasise message
 - Persistent cough
 - Blood in sputum
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Long term smoker



SWL - CCG 31 Day Missing 1st Treatments

| Fin Year | Quarter/Month | Urological | Breast | Skin | Lower Gastrointestinal | Lung | Haematological | Upper Gastrointestinal | Gynaecological | Head & Neck | Other | Brain/Central Nervous System | Sarcoma | Children's | Grand Total |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2019/20 | Q1 | 373 | 257 | 236 | 159 | 160 | 108 | 87 | 81 | 59 | 18 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 1573 |
| | Q2 | 355 | 269 | 225 | 150 | 149 | 91 | 98 | 71 | 63 | 16 | 9 | 17 | 4 | 1517 |
| | Q3 | 352 | 271 | 264 | 172 | 149 | 104 | 106 | 92 | 68 | 22 | 24 | 12 | 4 | 1640 |
| | Q4 | 346 | 294 | 212 | 150 | 137 | 104 | 66 | 76 | 68 | 16 | 19 | 10 | 8 | 1506 |
| 2019/20 Total | | 1426 | 1091 | 937 | 631 | 595 | 407 | 357 | 320 | 258 | 72 | 68 | 47 | 27 | 6236 |
| 2020/21 | Q1 | 203 | 127 | 175 | 118 | 112 | 101 | 84 | 72 | 51 | 17 | 9 | 13 | 25 | 1107 |
| | Q2 | 254 | 176 | 237 | 156 | 121 | 99 | 110 | 64 | 72 | 23 | 28 | 8 | 9 | 1357 |
| | Q3 | 325 | 244 | 256 | 161 | 141 | 110 | 92 | 70 | 55 | 22 | 12 | 8 | 12 | 1508 |
| | Q4 | 262 | 219 | 249 | 158 | 133 | 120 | 99 | 88 | 85 | 19 | 23 | 12 | 9 | 1476 |
| 2020/21 Total | | 1044 | 766 | 917 | 593 | 507 | 430 | 385 | 294 | 263 | 81 | 72 | 41 | 55 | 5448 |
| 2021/22 | Q1 | 335 | 270 | 279 | 170 | 143 | 110 | 112 | 79 | 74 | 23 | 19 | 16 | 6 | 1636 |
| | Jul-21 | 144 | 101 | 86 | 56 | 62 | 41 | 22 | 33 | 27 | 16 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 604 |
| 2021/22 Total | | 479 | 371 | 365 | 226 | 205 | 151 | 134 | 112 | 101 | 39 | 23 | 23 | 11 | 2240 |
| Grand Total | | 2949 | 2228 | 2219 | 1450 | 1307 | 988 | 876 | 726 | 622 | 192 | 163 | 111 | 93 | 13924 |

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| | Urological | Breast | Skin | Lower Gastrointestinal | Lung | Haematological | Upper Gastrointestinal | Gynaecological | Head & Neck | Other | Brain/Central Nervous System | Sarcoma | Children's | Grand Total |
|--|------------|--------|------|------------------------|------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------|------------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| 2019/2020 Quarterly Treatment Average | 357 | 273 | 234 | 158 | 149 | 102 | 89 | 80 | 65 | 18 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 1,559 |
| Diff Between 2019/20 & 2020/21 Total Treatment Volumes | -382 | -325 | -20 | -38 | -88 | 23 | 28 | -26 | 5 | 9 | 4 | -6 | 28 | -788 |
| Rolling Deficit/Increase | -378 | -318 | 33 | -22 | -81 | 38 | 43 | -21 | 20 | 24 | 4 | 1 | 30 | -627 |
| 2019/20 vs 2021/22 Quarterly Activity cf | -10% | 5% | 18% | 7% | -11% | 2% | 29% | -2% | 25% | 28% | 19% | 100% | -45% | 4% |

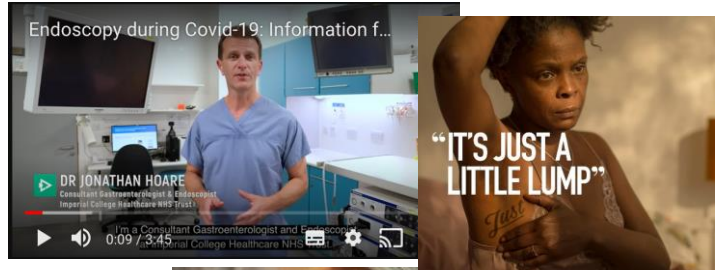
*Rolling Deficit - (Gap between 2019/20 & 2020/21) + (Diff 19/20 Avg - 21/21 Actuals)

Source: CWT from NHS Digital

Communications

Cough, breathlessness not going away? Sore chest? Losing weight and your appetite?

If you have a new or changed cough for more than a few weeks and you're worried about lung cancer, contact your GP for help.



NHS

JUST SPEAK TO YOUR GP

Dear as cancer help us help you

We have run **patient and public communications and social media campaigns** during Covid to **restore public confidence and encourage people** to continue to access Cancer Services with cancer symptoms to visit their GP.



NHS

JUST SPEAK TO YOUR GP

Dear as cancer help us help you

In Dec 20-Jan 21, we ran cancer symptom awareness and breast awareness campaigns on radio, social media and “out of home” platforms. In May-June 21, further targeted campaigns have run on breast, lung, skin, prostate cancer and general cancer symptoms.



NHS

JUST CONTACT YOUR GP PRACTICE

Worried about cancer?

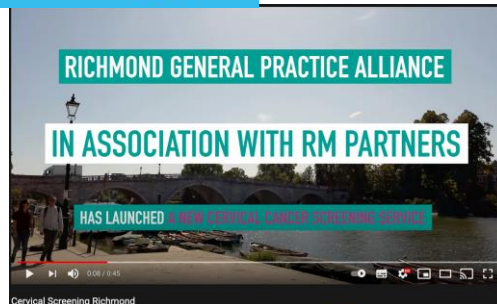
Don't delay getting checked, speak to your GP
Help Us Help You



Worried about breast cancer?



We are now broadening our approach to engaging with patients and the public within our local communities and working with community and voluntary sector leaders to further embed cancer awareness messages to support recovery.



Cervical Screening Richmond



Actions to support

- Cancer Screening Services- have onboarded a service called 'Community Links' which provides multilingual support for patients who's first language is not English
- In addition to the general cancer communications, specific interventions are being developed to help tackle the inequalities that have been compounded by Covid. These include targeting 'rising' 60's, learning disabled, LGBTQ and extended access across the SWL Boroughs to support increase Cancer Screening uptake



Actions to support

Lung



PUBLIC FACING

“Do it for yourself” public facing campaign – working with MSD pharmaceuticals to roll out on bill board, pharmacy bags etc in most deprived areas of SWL

PRIMARY CARE FACING

Case finding project in Wandsworth – asking Practices of greatest deprivation to complete search of patients with recurrent lower respiratory tract infections. Practices are incentivised to undertake search, contact patient, request chest x-ray and have clinical review. Results expected early November to measure impact.

Help Us to help You
social media campaign
locally linking in with
national campaign



Actions to support. contd

Prostate & Bladder

- Comms sent out to primary care teams on restarting PSA monitoring for patient at high risk of prostate cancer, and the importance of performing urine dip to check for blood where appropriate (linking with NWL RMP case finding work), including how to minimise impact from recent blood bottle shortage.
- Links in with public facing engagement work (as below)

Breast

- RMP have worked with the breast screening Hub and South West London Breast Screening Service (SWLBSS) to commission a multi-lingual service to call those patients who have not responded to their Open Invitation.
- SWL ICS and RMP are working closely with NHS England cancer screening commissioners and the SWLBSS service to ensure sufficient capacity to recover the service by July 2022. A further recovery action plan is being agreed.



Local community engagement messages

| Event | Borough | Public | Location | Team | | Date | Time | Requirement |
|---|---------------------|----------|--|-------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | Audience | | Owner | Point of contact | | | |
| African Caribbean Family Fun Day | Sutton | Public | Hill House Community Centre | | Claire Coutts | 31-Jul-21 | | In person stand |
| Patient participation group (PPG) | Richmond | Public | Online | ML | Rachel Swan | 03-Aug-21 | 11:35 | Short presentation |
| Patient and Public Involvement Reference Group | Wandsworth & Merton | Public | Online | | Claire Coutts | 04-Aug-21 | | Short presentation |
| Asian themed family day | Sutton | Public | Hill House Community Centre | | Claire Coutts | 08-Aug-21 | | In person stand |
| PCN health and wellbeing funday | Merton | Public | Pollards Hill | DW | Navdepp Alg | 28-Aug-21 | All day | In person stand |
| Whitton Fair | Kingston | Public | Whitton, Kingston | | Rachel Swan | 30-Aug-21 | | Provided materials to Rachael to leave on |
| Communications & Engagement meeting | Kingston & Richmond | N | Online | | Rachel Swan | 07-Sep-21 | 10:00-11:30 | |
| Patient and public forum | Kingston | Public | Online | | Rachel Swan | 08-Sep-21 | 11:00-12:00 | |
| Community involvement event | Richmond | | Online | | Rachel Swan | 14-Sep-21 | | |
| Croydon BME Wellbeing Centre Prostate Event | Croydon | Public | Online - future in person events at Whitgift shopping centre | | Andrew Brown | 20-Oct-21 | | Need to contact andrew@bmeforum.org to discuss details. John |
| Residents association meetings | Wandsworth & Merton | Public | Merton Park Colliers Wood Raynes Park West Barnes | | Claire Coutts | | Various | |
| North Merton PCN PCN event | Merton | Public | | | Satnam Bains | 06-Nov-21 | 14:00-18:00 | |
| WCEN women from black and ethnic minority community event | Wandsworth | Public | Mushkil Aasaan | | Anissa Daud | Sept and Jan (2 events) | | Looking for femal HCP from South Asian (Sep) and Somali (Jan) background to talk about Breast cancer |



Engagement Strategy

Discuss cancer priorities with patient groups, partner organisations or community teams

Identify specific public events or networks that overlap with the cancer priorities

Take cancer warning signs and risk factors to specific public audiences



North Merton Cancer awareness day

- 6th November



Key Drivers on Missing 1st Treatments for all Tumour Groups

- PCN/Practice visits by Place (borough) cancer leads – excellent uptake of these
- RedWhale Primary Care education events recently commissioned and ensuring missing first treatment targeting is included in the training package (starts Nov 2021 tbc)
- Provision and roll out of non-site specific RDCs across SWL – St Georges Trust now accepting referrals to all SWL boroughs, Epsom and St Helier site also just opened, Kingston and Croydon in development, Wandsworth also have coverage from C&W ADOC. SWL webinar to Primary Care (planned October 2021) along with further comms to Primary Care teams highlighting the benefit of these clinics, so able to act on investigating vague symptoms suggestive of cancer, and highlight missing first treatment work.
- Promoting Business As Usual activity – covid effect, and more recently impact of blood bottle shortage. Linking with NHSE guidance, discussed with Place cancer clinical leads and SWL/RMP cancer team, comms to Practices on importance of continuing blood testing where suspicion of cancer, which may facilitate diagnosis. Development of local toolkit on how virtual consults can be utilised to improve cancer diagnosis, and round table event being organised to determine best practice (primary, secondary care and patient representation)
- Linking into other pathway groups, and CCG partners – such as recent presentations to Wandsworth Health and Care Board and Richmond Health Board. Promoting collaborative across pathways; to pick up cancers when not referred via a 2WR pathway.



Primary Care Networks

- Primary care networks (PCNs) form a key building block to the [NHS long-term plan](#)
- 30–50,000 patients- Groups of GP practices
- Deliver key strategies for NHSE



PCN- Early Cancer PCN DES

- NHS Long term Plan- 2028 75% of cancer diagnosis at stage 1 or 2 (currently 50%)
 - Increased 5 year survival, quality of life and treatment options
- Cross organisational work
 - RM Partners Cancer Alliance, SWL CCG, Macmillan, PCN, GP Federation



Cancer DES Requirements

1. Review referral practice for suspected cancers, including recurrent cancers.
2. Contribute to improving local uptake of National Cancer Screening Programmes.
3. Establish a community of practice between practice-level clinical staff to support delivery of the requirements of the Network Contract DES Specification.



Questions



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COVID-19 update

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Barry Causer
Public Health Lead for COVID Resilience

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COVID-19 UPDATE

- **7-day case rate** (all ages) 231.1 cases per 100,000 (up from 191.0 previous week), compared to 219.4 per 100,000 for London (23/9 to 29/9).
- **Autumn and Winter Plan** has been published, which aims to avoid rise in hospitalisations which puts unsustainable pressure on the NHS
 - Plan A – Vaccinations, Test Trace & Isolate, clear comms and manage risk at the borders
 - Plan B – Clear comms of change of risk, vaccination only COVID Pass, mandated face coverings in some settings and working at home
- **Vaccination** continues to be our first line of defense; access by calling 119, booking at www.nhs.uk or attending a drop-in clinic
 - Evergreen offer – continuing to provide 1st and 2nd dose vaccinations; it's not too late
 - Booster dose to priority groups 1-9 e.g. those living in care homes, over 50s, front-line health and care staff, 16 to 49 with underlying health conditions
 - 3rd vaccine dose to over 12's with severely weakened immune systems
 - Universal offer of 1st dose (Pfizer) for 12 to 15 year olds
- Coronavirus remains a **serious health risk**. Everybody needs to stay cautious and help protect themselves and others
 - ✓ If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms, stay at home and take a PCR test
 - ✓ Continue to take part in twice-weekly asymptomatic testing
 - ✓ If you are not well, try to stay at home
 - ✓ Meet up outside or if you're indoors open windows or doors
 - ✓ Wear face-coverings in crowded places to help protect others
 - ✓ Check in with the NHS COVID-19 app when you are out
 - ✓ Wash your hands regularly and for a least 20 seconds with soap
 - ✓ Fully vaccinated contacts do not need to isolate, but should be cautious and get a PCR test
- Better Health Merton – be a healthy weight, move more, stop smoking, reduce alcohol use, get a flu jab, manage LTCs and look after your mental wellbeing. [Better Health Merton: kick-start your health](#)

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

- Join our network of **170** COVID-19 Community Champions or our YACC; a key part of our approach to preventing and managing outbreaks in Merton.
- Vaccination Q&A webinar - [12 to 15 year old vaccination webinar for parents Tickets, Thu 7 Oct 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- CEV Shielding Forum – 18/10 at 12.30pm to 2.15pm and 6pm to 6.45pm
- Merton Giving grants, 6th December deadline- [Current Fund - Merton Giving](#)
- Sign up for the Merton COVID-19 newsletter – www.merton.gov.uk/newsletter

For more information contact public.health@merton.gov.uk

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When to take which test:

| LFD LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TEST | PCR POLYMER CHAIN REACTION TEST |
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| FOR THOSE <u>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</u> | FOR THOSE <u>WITH SYMPTOMS</u> |
| | High temperature Continuous cough Loss of taste/smell |
| <p>I'm not displaying symptoms: I'll book an <u>LFD</u> test and go to Morden Assembly Hall or where directed for my test</p>  | <p>I've developed symptoms so I'll book a <u>PCR</u> test: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test (or call 119)</p> <p>Cough Cough</p>  |
| <u>ONCE SWAB IS TAKEN:</u> <u>RESULTS IN 30 MINUTES</u> | <u>ONCE SWAB IS SUBMITTED:</u> <u>RESULTS IN 24-48hrs</u> |

ANY QUESTIONS?

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