

Appendix B – Update to East Midlands DsPH from Public Health Leadership Group for Cancer

To EM DsPH

Dear All

I wrote to you at the beginning of 2018 setting out an approach to supporting the East Midlands Cancer Alliance with public health support and advice. Since then Cate has provided DsPH leadership into the EMCA and has co-chaired along with myself our Public Health Leadership Group for Cancer. We thought a quick update would be helpful:

East Midlands Public Health Leadership Group for Cancer.

The group has met now on 3 occasions through 2018, a summary against the broad objectives we sent to you in feb is included below:

1) To advocate and maximise the focus on prevention and reducing cancer inequalities in EMCA plans

Andy Fox has led this work including chairing a prevention task and finish group which has reported to the ph leadership group. In partnership with EMCA and CRUK they have developed a cancer prevention dashboard and corresponding factsheet which shows the local opportunities around cancer prevention by LA and STP. Andy has also published this blog on PHE's website which went live on Friday 26th October and has the link to the dashboard included

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2018/10/26/cancer-prevention-the-east-midlands-approach/>

As a next step Cate and I are keen that this resource and conversation supports local discussions and as a pilot exercise we are leading a discussion at Derby City Council HWBB in early November. The intention is to discuss with you all at the next DsPH meeting on 5th November how we can support you utilise these resources locally.

2) To provide a forum to join up and support locally led plans around cancer prevention

Leading on from these resources, we have also **secured a commitment from the EMCA Board that a proportion of their transformation funds will be available to support prevention activity.** We have been asked at their Board meeting on 4th October to draw up some options as to how best to ***“EMCA could invest in prevention through transformation***

“funding”. This is a positive step and again we would like to discuss on the 5th November with you the potential options and ideas.

3) To support EMCA with translation and advice of public health led cancer intelligence and products, including East Midlands level application of national analysis and products through PHE’s National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS)

I referenced the **Cancer Outcomes STP packs** in my e-mail in feb this year. These have, to the best of my knowledge, now been presented at STP Cancer Boards across the East Midlands. Thank you for the engagement of your teams where they have been involved or directly presented these tailored to complement your local work on cancer intelligence. I attach the packs again in case you wish to reference or use these in the coming months as discussions will no doubt continue and ramp up regarding cancer outcomes as it will be a prominent area in the forthcoming NHS 10-Year Plan.

Finally I referenced the work in feb we had been doing on **Support for investigating deteriorating cancer outcomes** with the DsPH teams at Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, CCGs, NHS England and the EMCA on lung cancer survival rates in south Nottinghamshire, utilising learning from the incident control approach used in communicable disease investigations. This work has involved a number of strands a joint campaign on lung cancer launched over the summer. Given the positive evaluation emerging from this work we are looking at other areas where such an approach could be implemented – **please do let us know if you have suggestions from your patches. The press release on this work and our PHE poster presented at the PHE cancer outcomes conference this summer in Manchester is also attached.**

Thanks again for your individual and collective support in developing our public health impact to improve cancer outcome sand reduce inequalities in the East Midlands.

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