

## **Briefing for CCGs: responding to the cancer ratings in the Improvement and Assessment Framework 2016/17**

### **Introduction**

This briefing is to help CCGs responding to their recently published 'cancer rating', a baseline measure as part of the new [CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework](#) (CCG IAF) for 2016/17. It signposts to useful resources, data sources and suggested improvement strategies specific to the four metrics included in the cancer clinical priority area of the CCG IAF.

### **Background**

The [CCG IAF](#) brings together the NHS Constitution and other core performance and financial indicators, outcome goals and transformational challenges. A new addition is a CCG rating for each of six clinical priority areas: cancer; mental health; dementia; learning disabilities; diabetes; maternity. The data for the agreed indicators for these clinical areas is already publically available on ['MyNHS'](#).

### **Cancer rating in the CCG IAF**

There are four indicators that make up the cancer rating:

1. One-year survival (from all cancers)
2. Cancers (all) diagnosed at stage 1 and 2 (with supporting measure of % of cancers with staging data)
3. People with urgent GP referral having first definitive treatment for cancer within 62 days of referral
4. Cancer patient experience (based on the Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2014 question "Overall, how would you rate your care?")

### **Alignment with other national activity on cancer**

The action plan for [Achieving World Class Cancer Outcomes: Taking the Strategy Forward](#) was published in May. This sets out the following priorities: Prevention and public health; Earlier and faster diagnosis; Patient experience; Living with and beyond cancer; High quality modern services; Transforming commissioning, provision and accountability.

To support the strategy, and the CCG IAF, Public Health England has developed a new data tool – [the Cancer Dashboard](#) – bringing together key cancer data at CCG and provider level. The tool can be used by local planners to look at their performance in more detail.

## Driving improvements against the four cancer indicators

These baseline results for CCGs will be a marker for improvement for the CCG IAF 2016/17. Signposted below are useful resources which include suggestions of how CCGs can drive improvements against these metrics, as well as links to sources of local data.

### Sources of local data

- Macmillan and Public Health England's [Local Cancer Intelligence Tool](#)
- Public Health England [Cancer Dashboard](#)
- Public Health England [Cancer Services Profiles](#) at GP and CCG level
- [NCIN Survival by Stage data](#)

### CCG IAF Indicator 1: One-year cancer survival

- Macmillan's Top Tips for Commissioners: [Improving One-Year Cancer Survival](#)
- Macmillan's Top Tips for GPs: [Implementing the NG12 NICE guidelines for suspected cancer](#)
- Macmillan's [Cancer Decision Support Tools](#) for GPs
- Macmillan's [Rapid Referral Guidelines](#) for GPs
- Royal College of GPs - [Early Diagnosis of Cancer Significant Event Analysis Toolkit](#)
- Cancer Research UK and Royal College of GPs [Primary Care Cancer Toolkit](#)

### CCG IAF Indicator 2: Cancers (all) diagnosed at stage 1 and 2

- Macmillan's Top Tips for Commissioners: [Improving One-Year Cancer Survival](#)
- Macmillan's Top Tips for Commissioners: [Improving Cancer Services Through Primary Care Commissioning](#)

### CCG IAF Indicator 3: People with urgent GP referral having first definitive treatment for cancer within 62 days of referral

- Macmillan's [Rapid Referral Guidelines](#) for GPs
- Updated [NICE referral guidelines](#)
- [The Ace Programme](#) - good practice and innovative approaches in diagnostic pathways (e.g. a [report](#) on straight to test pathways for colorectal cancer referrals)
- Macmillan's Top Tips for Commissioners: [Improving One-Year Cancer Survival](#)
- Macmillan's Top Tips for Commissioners: [Improving Cancer Services Through Primary Care Commissioning](#)

### CCG IAF Indicator 4: Cancer patient experience

- [Commissioning for Improved Patient Experience](#) – report from Macmillan and NHSE
- [CQC Better Care in My Hands](#) – review of how people are involved in their care
- [Commissioning Patient Centred Care for People Affected by Cancer](#) – NHS England guidance on commissioning the recovery package and stratified follow-up pathways
- Macmillan's [Value Based Standard tool](#)

## Further information and support

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