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CANCER SUPPORT

Peer review of cancer referrals

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GPs can now be paid under QOF (QP points) for reviewing their referrals in three clinical areas; discussing in-house, in a meeting with other practices, and producing an action plan.

We used some of the national NAEDI funding to pay local GPs to review their cancer cases.

GP practices were paid £500 if they:

- Undertook the national primary care cancer audit (last 10 patients)
- Undertook at least one significant event review of a recent cancer case with delay
- Discussed the results of the audit in the PHCT
- Attended a group meeting (facilitated by the Macmillan GP) to discuss results and refine/develop their action plans

Excellent response:

28% of GP practices participated

The following themes were identified in the practice action plans:

- Ensure two week wait referrals are discussed, coded and followed up appropriately
- Incorporate risk assessments into routine practice
- Share best practice and discuss cancer cases at practice meetings
- Provide practice education on cancer to improve use of the two week wait referral pathways
- Undertake practice audits to monitor cancer pathways and review outcomes
- Develop robust mechanisms for feeding back results (normal/abnormal) to patients and arranging follow up appointments (if required)
- Investigate screening and diagnostic DNAs

These action plans will be followed up with participating practices in six months.

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