

## **Leeds Cancer Screening Programmes**

Please see below an update on Cancer Screening Programmes, and their current status of delivery in Leeds.

### **Breast Screening**

Routine breast screening at LTHT has ceased (24/03/2020). The high risk screening programme is currently continuing and patients are being managed accordingly.

The one stop clinic is also running at LTHT with patients being triaged (numbers have reduced in clinic).

### **Bowel Screening**

The BSG guidance remains that the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme remains “on pause” until there is further national guidance.

All Hubs have ceased inviting patients to participate in screening, therefore a slow-down of kits returned has been evidenced.

Specialist Screening Practitioner clinics and lists have been cancelled at LTHT/Harrogate with staff redeployed within the trusts to support COVID-19.

### **Cervical**

Invites are still being sent out nationally. [National guidance for sample takers has been released](#). We have been made aware that there is a very low number of tests being sent through to the lab for processing. LTHT have seen big reduction in the number of referrals for colposcopy services. All referrals received into Women’s Services at LTHT are being triaged by a colposcopy clinician, with women only invited into the colposcopy clinic if they are deemed to be at high risk.

### **Leeds Lung Cancer Screening Programme**

The Leeds Lung Health Check programme has paused with staff redeployed to support COVID-19. Participants who are due repeat CT scans to check on lung nodules will be contacted by the Lung Health Check team to keep them updated on when and where these repeat scans will happen. The Lung Health Check phone line (0113 392 6688) will continue to be manned during this time, and staff will be available to answer questions about the programme and future plans.

### **Bowel/Cervical Screening Champion Programme**

NHS Leeds CCG and Leeds City Council Public Health work with a number of GP practices (the most deprived areas) to encourage and facilitate the uptake of screening programmes. This work is paused for a short-while. We wish to assure practices that we will be in touch, in the next few weeks when the time is right, with the proposed 2020/21 service specification to ensure that this work continues in 2020/21, as we have evidenced significant increases in screening performance. This will align fully with our planned screening work (Cancer Wise Leeds) with Yorkshire Cancer Research.

### **Cancer Wise Leeds**

This programme, funded by Yorkshire Cancer Research, aims to support PCNs to increase uptake of screening programmes and awareness of signs and symptoms in communities. Work had only just started with 3 PCNs in terms of gathering intelligence, communication plans and agreeing targeted

local action plans. We are therefore using this time to develop the resources required for all PCNs, thereby enabling us to roll out quickly when we are in the recovery phase. This will also support the forthcoming PCN specification on early cancer diagnosis.