

## NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update April 2026

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### 1 Lung Cancer Screening included in the 2026/27 GP contract

Lung Cancer Screening has now been formally included in the 2026/27 GP contract. This means that GP practices will be required to share data to support delivery of the Programme.

Locally, this is welcome news. This contractual change provides a consistent framework across all practices and helps ensure that everyone works to the same standard.

Importantly, this update supports a more equitable approach, ensuring that all eligible residents have access to the same Lung Cancer Screening service, regardless of where they are registered. It also strengthens Alliances' plans to reach 100% roll-out by 2030 and helps remove variability in access to this life-saving programme.

A sincere thank you to everyone involved nationally and locally in shaping, negotiating, and supporting this change, your collaborative efforts have been instrumental in enabling more consistent and equitable access to Lung Cancer Screening.

For more information on Lung Cancer Screening, visit  
<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/lung-cancer-screening>

## 2 Dermatology in Community Minor Ops Services

We are carrying out a piece of work within the Skin Expert Reference Group (ERG) to help manage histopathology demand for dermatology. Based on the findings from this survey, we plan to develop a series of educational webinars for colleagues undertaking minor operations.

Please complete the survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sITDN7CF9Ueylqe0jXdO45CBntc4uLFNoSF0DInQYBRUM1YwVkJZONTUzTUZJQjdSQjILQkw5OFJURy4u>

This short survey is intended for GPwERs in dermatology and those working in a community dermatology setting to better understand which dermatological procedures undertaken in community settings across North East London require histopathology involvement.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

## 3 Spring COVID-19 booster vaccination

The NHS has opened the booking system for those eligible to book a Spring COVID-19 booster vaccination.

Read more: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/news/covid-19-vaccination-spring-2026>

## 4 Changes to NEL ICB and the impact on the cancer alliance

The ongoing restructure and changes within NHS North East London Integrated Care Board continue to have an impact on resources and work within the North East London Cancer Alliance. We will continue to keep you updated on any changes.

## 5 New Hot Topics Cancer course.

The NEL Cancer Academy is pleased to announce a new ***Hot Topics Cancer course***.

The NEL Training Hub, supported by North East London Cancer Alliance, is hosting this in-person session, **delivered by NB Medical, on Saturday 13th June 2026** at The Tomlinson Centre Queensbridge Road London E8 3ND. Lunch and refreshments will be provided

This course is aimed at the North East London General Practice workforce.

To find out more and to register, please visit:

<https://neltraininghub.org/event/hot-topics-cancer-course/>

This course is available to all Primary Care Colleagues. A £15 contribution is to be made on booking.

## 6 Free Cancer Education Session

Session 5 in the Advancing Cancer Care & Career Development Education Sessions is called Challenges of Career Progression. It takes place at **9am on Wednesday 13 May**.

These sessions are open to all healthcare professionals with an interest in cancer, or those working as nurses and AHPs in cancer.

This session will be presented by Dr Samantha Strumeier, Lead Uro-Oncology CNS (Barts Health):

By the end of the session, you will learn

- To integrate advanced practice expertise within a new healthcare system.
- To develop leadership and research capacity in nursing.
- To establish professional credibility and influence through innovation and collaboration.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

## 7 Podcasts

North East London Cancer Alliance is pleased to share a trilogy of podcasts about our new strategies which will help shape the future of cancer care in north east London.

Building on last month's podcast on our Inequalities Strategy, two more episodes are now available - including our 50th episode! - one on our AI Strategy and the other on our Workforce Strategy.

The links to all three strategy episodes are below - please have a listen!

**AI Strategy podcast:** Harnessing AI to improve cancer outcomes in north east London

Spotify: <https://bit.ly/4168M4H>

Apple: <https://bit.ly/4dpm2bY>

Amazon: <https://bit.ly/4c1eycy>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/4m5lrhx>

## **Workforce Strategy podcast:** Developing a world-class workforce strategy

Spotify: <https://bit.ly/48mecfG>

Apple: <https://bit.ly/3OxGZaq>

Amazon: <https://bit.ly/4mvJJlh>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/4ci34I8>

## **Inequalities Strategy podcast:** Listening to communities

Spotify: <https://bit.ly/415JzXL>

Apple: <https://bit.ly/4IsrGMm>

Amazon: <https://bit.ly/4s5QLiy>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3PgaA8h>

Please visit <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/taking-control-cancer> to view all our episodes, including last month's news round-up.

Please let us know what you think of our podcasts - complete this short feedback form, it will only take five minutes and will help us to improve future episodes:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sITDN7CF9Ueylqe0jXdO45CBntc4uLFNoSF0DInQYBRUQUM3R0RIUDhQVTNYSVhBVjISR0VTQkVCSC4u>

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