

# Network NEWS

## Overview

The NW CC ODN is mandated through NHS England; and hosted through Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) in partnership with Alder Hey via the Northwest Paediatrics Partnership board. There is joint Clinical Leadership from Professor Bernadette Brennan (Royal Manchester Children's Hospital) and Dr Lisa Howell (Alder Hey Children's Hospital). The ODN is accountable to NHSE specialised commissioning.

The NW CC ODN circulates a newsletter issue quarterly. The newsletter focuses on sharing successes, identifying learning opportunities and signposting you to the wider network resources.

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For further information.

## Social Media

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Welcome to the latest editions of our quarterly newsletter. We're excited to share some of our most recent achievements and updates with you and also provide you with information about our upcoming event. 2023 was an amazing year at NWCCODN.

## Highlights of 2023

- ❖ Network Launch Event & the first Network Oversight Group meeting held.
- ❖ Strategy Development Workshop held across 3 region, Greater Manchester, Cheshire & Merseyside and Lancs & South Cumbria
- ❖ Development of the NWCCODN website and set up of the social media accounts
- ❖ What matters to me project PPI
- ❖ Ambulatory Care project start up
- ❖ Florence Nightingale Foundation Project
- ❖ Workforce & Education Working Group start up
- ❖ Data & Digital Working Group start up
- ❖ Patient Journey Mapping Project

## Upcoming Working Group

**Patient &  
Family  
Experience**



The NWCCODN *Patient and Family Experience Working Group* will be meeting for the first time in February 2024.

The aim of the *Patient & Family Experience Working Group* is to ensure that the voice of children with cancer, and their families voices are central to the work that the network undertakes across the region.

The group will be responsible for ensuring that there is effective representation on all of our working groups and for the development of a patient and family experience group to support co development and design of the work programme for the network and also for regular collection and analysis of patient experiences across the region.

If you are interested in being a member of the group kindly get in touch with us [info.nwccodn@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:info.nwccodn@mft.nhs.uk)

# NW Children's & TYA Cancer Conference



In collaboration with



Greater Manchester  
Cancer Alliance

Cheshire and  
Merseyside  
Cancer Alliance



## Childrens & TYA Conference

Friday 1 March 2024

This is a collaborative event between the NW Childrens ODN and Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Network. Bringing healthcare professionals together to improve and innovate cancer care.

We are pleased to announce the first event for the North West Children's Cancer Operational Delivery Network and The Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Network is taking place in March 2024.

Bringing healthcare professionals together from across the North West to improve and innovate cancer care. This event is **free** for everyone to attend and [click here](#) to register to secure your place.

**Date:** Friday 1 March 2024

**Time:** 08:45am – 16:15

**Venue:** The Marriot Victoria & Albert Hotel, Water St, Manchester M3 4JQ

Children's and TYA Cancer Conference

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TIME	ITEM
08.45-09.15	Registration and Coffee
09.15-09.25	Welcome and Introduction
09.25-09.40	National Overview
09.40-09.55	Northwest Childrens Cancer Operational Delivery Network (ODN)
09.55-10.10	Northwest TYA Cancer Operational Delivery Network (ODN)
10.10-10.35	Patient Story
10.35-11.00	Coffee & Networking
11.00-11.20	Innovation in Cancer Services
11.20-11.40	Innovative Treatments
11.40-12.00	Late Effects of Cancer Treatment
12.00-1.00	Lunch and Networking

\*Please note this is a draft agenda and timings/session titles are subject to change.

TIME	ITEM
1.00-2.00	Breakout Sessions
	Please select a breakout session to attend
	A) Children's Cancer (Challenging Conversations & Psychology)
	B) TYA Cancer
2.00-2.30	Coffee & Networking
2.30-3.00	Genomics
3.00-3.30	Fertility
3.30-4.00	Keynote Speaker
4.00-4.15	Summary & Close

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# Cancer Improvement Collaborative

A National Collaborative Project (CCLG and ODNs) addresses the experience of Children with LD & / or Autism and their experience of X-Rays has been developed to inform the Cancer Improvement Collaborative nationally. This is an NHS England programme across Paediatric and Adult Services.

The project is looking at whether we know enough in cancer services about supporting people with learning disabilities and autism to improve their experiences of scans and interventions.

The CCLG need our help to gather data and insights to better understand what this experience is like for families and staff, and explore whether, by working with experts in the field of LD and autism, we can improve the experience of X-Rays which are

a significant and ongoing part of cancer care, through improving awareness and confidence in the teams.

The project will focus on gathering the views of parents and carers through empathy maps and interviews and we will need help regionally to identify patients that have LD and or autism to feed into this.

To complete this work there is a Core Team and an Extended Team supporting this work. For more information or to get involved with his project, please contact:

- Core Team Member: Davina Hartley  
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- Extended Project Team Member & NW Champion: Charlotte Lloyd  
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## Collaborative Working

"Emmie's kitchen was set up in 2018, after our daughter Emmie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia aged 8. After spending lots of time at RMCH, the importance of the parent role in the care of their poorly child became very



apparent, parents also need to be thought about especially around access to nutritious food and basic supplies. Initially Emmie's kitchen provided a free 3 course meal for parents and carers at Ronald McDonald House, this provided a short time away from the clinical environment of the hospital to be looked after and nurtured by our fantastic team of volunteers. Due to Covid our offer had to change and the need for parents to have access to food was even more paramount Since May 2020, we delivered over 100 hot meals every Friday night to parents staying with their poorly child in RMCH- every two weeks this includes Ward 86 Oncology and Haematology ward at RMCH.

We initially identified the need of parents with a childhood cancer diagnosis but quickly recognised that the same needs applied right across the children's hospital. Emmie now aged 14, continues to drive the charity and volunteers most weeks, she often provides hope for many parents and children who are currently in treatment / inpatient." Eve Narayn-Nicholas



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