

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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Social Media

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Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter. We're excited to share an overview of the ODN's recent projects.

NW CTYA Cancer Conference 2025

The NWCTYA Cancer Conference 2025 was successfully delivered. The conference took place on the 7th March 2025 at the Spine, Liverpool, and was organised in collaboration with the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance, this year's hosts, Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance and the Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance.



We had 139 attendees, of which 96 attended as delegates and 43 attended as speakers, exhibitors and lived experience representatives. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the day such a success!

Our aims of the conference were to:

- Deliver a successful networking event which appeals and benefits to a wide range of professionals.
- Showcase exhibitor's and encourage networking across the region.
- Provide fresh perspectives and insights from our expert speakers.
- Showcase tools and strategies to implement into your everyday work.
- Create new partnerships and professional relationships to drive forward collaboration.

An evaluation report is being completed to review the feedback received and ensure we will continue to co-design future NWCTYA conferences via a task and finish group so colleagues across the region have the opportunity to shape the day.

NW CTYA Cancer Conference 2025

Conference Exhibitor Stalls

Thank you to all the Charities and organisations that provided stalls at the conference! It was great to learn more about the amazing work that is going on across the region for children and young people with cancer.



Milly's Smiles



**Ellen Macarthur
Cancer Trust**



Sams Gift



Beads of Courage



Cancer Map



Claire's House Hospice



The Cancer Academy



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Wellbeing Offer

Working with children and young people who have cancer can be tough and this can affect your wellbeing. We would like to encourage all the amazing people in our network to priorities some time for filling up their cup. We have pulled together some helpful resources available for NHS staff below. Your individual Trusts will also have a wellbeing offer so we recommend you look into this to. If you are unsure, speak to your line manager or reach out to your local Mental Health First Aiders or Wellbeing Champions as they will also be able to help.

[NHS England » Wellbeing apps](#)

[Check my wellbeing – Self-assess your psychological and emotional wellbeing](#)

[NHS England » North West hubs](#)



NHS Cancer Programme Weekly Round Up | 21 January 2025

Materials on raising awareness of the symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people

We encourage Cancer Alliances to use their networks to share and promote Better Safe than Tumour - a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children, young people and adults. The specific symptoms pages tailored for babies (under 5 years) can be found [here](#), for children (ages 5-11) [here](#) and for teenagers (ages 12-18) [here](#).

The Brain Tumour Charity provides:

- o information on recognising symptoms across all age groups such as persistent headaches, nausea, balance issues, and vision changes; and,
- o tools and guides to help individuals assess symptoms and decide when to seek medical attention

Better Safe than Tumour is an awareness campaign developed by the Brain Tumour Charity.

Materials and further information can be found - <https://bettersafethantumour.com>

Girlguiding North West England

Girlguiding North West England's Cloud units are an accessible Girlguiding option for all members aged 10-18 to get involved with, wherever there's internet! Regardless of any challenges, we strive to offer a safe, online meeting space to all who are interested in joining Girlguiding, but for whatever reason may struggle to meet in person.

In our units, members have the opportunity to meet new friends, take part in activities whilst following the Girlguiding program, and even earn badges along the way! The program helps members learn skills that they can take forward into their everyday lives, giving them confidence to face challenges whilst providing a supportive and caring environment. Recent activities have included evenings with guest speakers from the RNLI, an author and an artist; evenings led by girls on baking, first aid and wildlife, as well as activities looking more widely at global issues such as the environment and human rights. Our Cloud units welcome those who are new to guiding, whilst also providing a way for previous members to continue their Girlguiding journey.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Web: www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk

[Adventures... By The Mountains - Girlguiding North West England](#)

