

# 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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Well done  
**Laurie**  
For receiving your  
**20 Year**  
Long Service  
Award!



## Mobile Cancer Care Unit on the News!

We were back on BBC North West Tonight News in May showcasing the Mobile Unit out in the community. Click [here](#) for a look behind the scenes!



We are pleased to announce the well-established **NW CTYA Cancer Conference** will be held in Greater Manchester for 2027. Sponsorship for 2027 is via the Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance, in collaboration with Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance, and Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Alliance.

# Greater Manchester Cancer Conference



Lisa Howell presented the Care Closer to Home (CC2H) project, showcasing the mobile cancer care model and its role in delivering paediatric oncology care closer to patients' homes. This sparked lots of engagement and questions from the audience around the practical and system challenges along with the benefit to patients and their families.

The team also had a stall helping to further raise the profile of the project and engage with colleagues across the system.



## Paediatric Bereavement Study Day

**Delivered in June at the Countess of Chester Hospital, the study day was organised by Amy Garner, specialist community nurse/POSCU lead nurse, with ward professional development nurses Kirsty and Eva. It responded to staff feedback about confidence and preparedness when caring for children and families after the death of a child. The aim was to give children's ward and emergency department staff practical advice, clear information and emotional support.**

Speakers included police colleagues on A&E attendance and legal requirements after sudden child death; Alder Hey's Snowdrop Children's

Bereavement Team on postmortem processes and family support; Sarah from Maggie's Stillbirth Legacy Charity, who donated and demonstrated a cooling blanket and shared a parent perspective; 2wish on support up to age 25; Claire House Children's Hospice on butterfly suites and bereavement care; and the hospital wellbeing team on staff support.

Attendees described the day as informative, supportive and impactful. Its success highlighted the importance of ongoing education and multidisciplinary learning to improve care for children, families and staff.

**Why it mattered**  
Clearer processes, practical advice and emotional support for staff caring for bereaved families.

**Attendee feedback**

**"Perfect – by far the most informative training day I have been on in 13 years."**