Network NEWS

North West Children's Cancer Operational Delivery Network

Working together to provide patient pathways for children with cancer

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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.

Please contact
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For further information.

Social Media

Follow us on our Social Media Platforms @NWCCODN

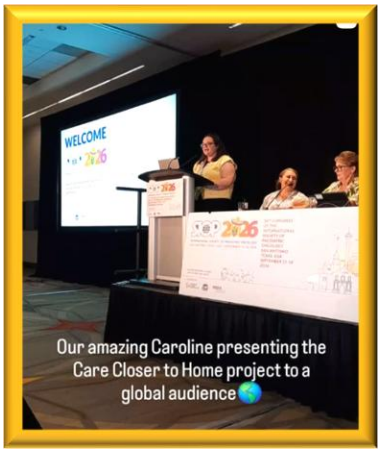
CC2H Service Evaluation Showcase Event

📅 **Date:** Friday 27th November 2026
📍 **Location:** CityLabs2, Hathersage Rd, Manchester M13 0BH
⏰ **Time:** 12-2pm

Secure your place to celebrate the successes to date and hear about the impact the Care Closer to Home project has had within Paediatric Oncology. Really excited to hear from CYP and families around their experiences. We will also be able to look forward at the future plans and development through discussions on the day.

International Networking & Learning

Colleagues across RMCH, MFT and Alder Hey Children's Hospital attended SIOP 2026 Annual International Paediatric Conference in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr Lisa Howell was successful with the Genomics Poster; Caroline Cleaver represented and presented the Care Closer to Home Project. Congratulations! Opportunities for international attendance is key to expand knowledge and transfer learning into local practice.

North West Children's & TYA Cancer Conference 2027!

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Thursday 18th March
Etc. Venues, Manchester, M1 3HU

This event is a n opportunity to bring our region together to connect, learn and celebrate. The event will showcase the fantastic work taking place across children's and TYA cancer services, share new ideas and learning, and create opportunities for colleagues to build connections across organisations and professions. Ultimately, the conference is about working together to improve care and experiences for children, young people and families affected by cancer.

Event is Fully Booked! Please email should you want to get your name on the waiting list

Still want to get involved?! Submit a poster or book an exhibitor stall!

Posters are welcome across the following themes:

- 💡 Service innovation
- 🩺 Clinical developments
- 👥 Workforce
- 🔬 Research
- 🌱 Survivorship
- 💬 Patient and family experience
- 📈 Quality improvement

Posters will feature in the virtual poster gallery and will also be displayed on the North West Children's Cancer ODN and TYA Network websites. A selection will be chosen for physical display at the conference, and the opportunity to express interest in delivering a short presentation about your work.

Poster guidance: North West Children's & TYA Cancer Conference 2027 - Poster submission guidance

🗓️ **Poster submission deadline is Friday 5th February 2027**

📧 Submit your completed poster to: the-christie.tya-network@nhs.net



Exhibitor Call Out!

Exhibitor spaces are limited, so if you would like to secure a stall and showcase your services at the regional Cancer Conference 2027, please get in touch with the team to discuss availability or for more information.

Email: Laurie.niland@mft.nhs.uk

Showcasing & Signposting Updates

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REGIONAL CYP NEURO-ONCOLOGY STUDY DAY

Successfully led in Sept26 across the PTCs!

The delegate workforce attending were predominantly nursing-based, with nursing, nurse specialist and advanced nursing roles representing 78% of respondents. Allied Health Care Professionals accounted for 8%, with representation also seen from medical , social work , education and other professional groups.

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Satisfaction Score

Of the 54 delegates; the largest proportion were working within POSCUs (40%), followed by PTCs (36%). Children's community teams accounted for 14% of respondents, hospices 8%, and the charitable sector 2 %. Overall , 76% of respondents were based within PTC or POSCU services, demonstrating strong representation from specialist paediatric oncology services alongside community, hospice and third- sector colleagues.

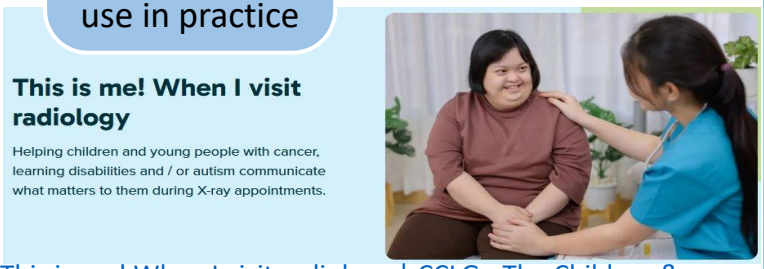
Tessa Jowell BRAIN CANCER MISSION

TOM'S TRUST for children with brain tumours

CCLG This is Me! When I visit radiology

Visit the CCLG website to access the document and use in practice

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10 years of Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust provides a range of free, accessible information resources for children and families affected by childhood cancer. Our booklets cover a variety of topics relating to diagnosis, treatment and the practical and emotional impact of childhood cancer, helping families to understand and navigate what can be an overwhelming time.

Our resources are free for healthcare professionals to order, including in larger quantities for use on paediatric oncology wards, in clinics and other healthcare settings.
You can view the full range and order resources here: https://www.gkcct.org/information-and-support/family-support/our-information-resources/