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ANGLIA TRANSFORMING CANCER CARE
IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME WINS NATIONAL AWARD

An innovative programme that is helping cancer patients in Anglia receive more of their care and support closer to home has won a national award for its work.

The Transforming Cancer Care in the Community pilot programme – which sees a team of 16 primary care cancer nurses providing cancer patient care at home and in the community - their work being closely-coordinated with the hospital teams to achieve this - won the “Living with and Beyond Cancer” category of the Quality in Care (QiC) Oncology Awards 2014 on 9\textsuperscript{th} December 2014.

The programme, which has been running for the past two years, offers personalised support to patients (and their carers) from the point of diagnosis and along the patient pathway. Support includes:

- providing treatments at home (where clinically appropriate)
- early assessment of emergency symptoms with the hospital acute teams
- access to information and education
- help and advice on managing symptoms
- answering questions about treatment options
- developing skills to help patients maintain their independence
• fast-tracking/efficient access to hospital and other services.

The care team consists of primary care cancer nurses and support workers, who manage all aspects of a cancer patient’s care and support. This means that from the point of diagnosis, the nurse is the patient’s key worker, signposting to other teams and services as needed.

The QiC judges commented: “This is an excellent programme – well-structured and supporting real patients in the community. This programme has clear goals, is cost-effective and was well executed.”

Gwyneth Tyler, Senior Macmillan Development Manager for Anglia, says:

“We are delighted at this recognition for the programme and it is testament to the hard work of all the professionals involved. Macmillan believes that a cancer patient’s individual needs are best met by a variety of professionals. This includes clinical nurse specialists, physiotherapists, support workers, district nurses and practice nurses to name a few. We hope to learn a lot from this pilot about what a sustainable model of cancer care for the future could look like.”

Tonia Dawson, Strategic Clinical Network Manager and Lead Nurse for Cancer, says:

“This exciting programme is laying down the foundations for the future of cancer nursing. The increasing demand on current health care services isn’t sustainable, and we need to move to new ways and models of working, that are more integrated with the community.

“As well as ensuring the success of these pilots, we have worked with other commissioning groups to consider how this transformational programme can be rolled out further within Anglia and across the East of England.”

Macmillan Cancer Support and the NHS East of England Strategic Clinical Network are working with local authorities, GP surgeries, Clinical Commissioning Groups and hospital trusts as well as the private and third sectors, including the University of East Anglia
Health Economics Team, and the Eastern Academic Health Science Network, to pilot this innovative model of care and sustain the future of this programme.

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A photograph of the team receiving their award at the QiC Oncology Awards event, Tuesday 9th December at Central Hall, Westminster, London is available.

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Notes to Editors:

Teams are working with patients in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Great Yarmouth and Waveney, West Norfolk, Ipswich and East and West Suffolk.

The Transforming Cancer Care in the Community programme comprises:

- Seven pilot sites, each with either one or more primary care cancer nurses, working alongside a support worker;
- Five of the pilot sites (a total of 13 nurses) are based in GP surgeries;
- Two of the pilots (which includes three nurses) are hospital-based, working alongside the medical teams for specific types of cancer;
- One pilot focuses on lung cancer patients only, one on metastatic breast cancer and bowel cancer patients, and one on areas with a high BME population;
- The remaining pilots cover all patients within the GP surgery catchment areas.

The pilot programme is being evaluated to demonstrate the sustainability, practicability and cost-effectiveness of this community-based model that can, over time, be spread across the East of England and potentially further.

Pilot projects

1. Great Yarmouth & Waveney, funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), delivered by
East Coast Community Healthcare CIC in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and at Cutlers Hill Surgery, Halesworth.

2. Suffolk, funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), delivered by SERCO at GP surgeries in Woodbridge, Ipswich and Sudbury.

3. Cambridge, funded by the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), delivered by Cambridgeshire Community Services,

4. Huntingdon, funded by the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), hosted at Hinchingbrooke Hospital,

5. West Norfolk, funded by the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), hosted by Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust at GP surgeries in King’s Lynn City, Swaffham and the Norfolk Coast,

6. Bedfordshire, funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and the Anglia Cancer Network (now the East of England Strategic Clinical Network), hosted at Bedford Hospital,


**About Macmillan Cancer Support**

When you have cancer, you don’t just worry about what will happen to your body, you worry about what will happen to your life. Whether it’s concerns about who you can talk to, planning for the extra costs or what to do about work, at Macmillan we understand how a cancer diagnosis can take over everything.

That’s why we’re here. We provide support that helps people take back control of their lives. But right now, we can’t reach everyone who needs us. We need your help to make sure that people affected by cancer get the support they need to face the toughest fight of their life. No one should face cancer alone, and with your support no one will.

To get involved, call **0300 1000 200** today. And please remember, we’re here for you too. If you’d like support, information or just to chat, call us free on **0808 808 00 00** (Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm) or visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk)