

Tameside & Glossop Practice Cancer Champions

Tameside and Glossop CCG have collaborated with both Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK to offer a Practice Cancer Champion (PCC) offer to all practices in Tameside and Glossop.

The aim of the programme is to improve cancer outcomes for your patients, from prevention through to end of life care.

The programme is predominately for non-clinical staff, but we'd be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to:

- Work in a GP Practice
- Are interested in improving cancer outcomes for your patients
- Want to learn more about cancer and how your role in Practice can really make a difference

No prior skills or knowledge around cancer are required at all as full training is given. All we want is for you to want to help improve patient outcomes.

You will receive support from local cancer leads, Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK to help you in this role.

The programme has 2 different level, each with differing levels of involvement:

Level 1 – Tameside & Glossop Macmillan Information & Support Practice Cancer Champions

Involvement at this level is about making sure people affected by cancer in Tameside & Glossop have access to relevant information in their community and ensure they are aware of the support available to them including but limited to where & how to access Macmillan Information & Support services.

A level 1 PCC will be offered the opportunity to have a Macmillan leaflet display for their practice and it will be their role to maintain this display with up to date materials. They will also be required to be a point of contact for the Macmillan information and support service at T&GICFT. Level 1 PCCs may from time to time be ask to run specific campaigns in conjunction with the Macmillan information & Support service.

The Cancer Champion is offered the opportunity to have their name on the display, providing an opportunity for face to face contact at their venues. Champions are not expected to be able to offer advice or support but will be expected to have some knowledge of & be an advocate for, the Macmillan information & Support service.

Level 1 PCC will be expected to attend a 1 off training session to learn about the Macmillan information & Support service so that they can adequately signpost patients to it.

Level 2 - Prevention and Early Detection Practice Cancer Champions

The objective of the role is to improve the stages that patients are diagnosed with cancer, and thereby improving survival rates. The role simply requires you to take top tips and best practice back to your Practice and help to improve the ways things work. Over time, it is hoped that you will have lots of opportunities to learn from other PCC's and to share the good things you have been doing too.

As a Practice Cancer Champion, we would like you to:

- Attend an initial 3 hour-long training session, covering; what cancer is, why is early detection important, how can we prevent cancer and what is screening and how do we improve uptake
- Attend quarterly, 2 hour-long training sessions delivered by local cancer leads and Cancer Research UK
- Develop your own action plans based on what you think should be prioritised
- Share, and receive, ideas and best-practice with other people from other Practices, just like you

This will help us, to help you, develop things you can do in Practice that require minimum extra work (sometimes none at all) but that have significant impact on a patient's likelihood of surviving cancer.

If you wish to get involved in the Tameside & Glossop Practice Cancer Champions programme at either level, please contact the Tameside and Glossop Macmillan Information and Support Service

Phone 0161 922 5644,

Email macmillan.info@tgh.nhs.uk

Or sign up on our website

<https://www.tamesidemacmillan.co.uk/practice-cancer-champions>