**COVID-19 update**

**Information correct as of 3pm 26 May 2020**

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All information provided in the COVID-19 bulletin is hosted online at <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/home/infections-and-microbiology/covid-19/>

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Cancer

[Macmillan Newsletter - May 2020](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3965&inline=1)

Safeguarding [Safeguarding adults contact list York and North Yorkshire](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3963&inline=1)

**A message from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – referrals**

The Leeds GP Confederation and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) have begun a programme of joint working to establish innovative ways of providing our patients with specialist opinion and support when needed, during this period of service restrictions related to COVID-19.  A team of PCN clinical directors have met with LTHT clinical directors, with the Leeds LMC also in attendance, and have agreed:

* A commitment to work together to co-produce the redesign of services for patients
* A focus on strengthening access and flexibility of advice and guidance services
* To establishment of a subgroup of Confederation clinical directors to work with LTHT on the coproduction of service redesign such as a trial of enhanced and readily accessible advice and guidance support to support decision making.
* To involve other providers (such as LCH) in the redesign of services, so that pathways are fully integrated
* To ensure that all service changes are supported through access to appropriate IT and access to patient records.

There is a clear willingness on all sides to adapt, and a joint work plan is under development to deliver these changes, most of which will still be of benefit to our patients once the  COVID-19 related restrictions begin to ease.  LTHT has advised that in the meantime whilst this work is rapidly progressed, primary care should continue to access current advice and guidance where it is available.  **Urgent** referrals for outpatients or diagnostics and **Cancer 2WW** referrals should be sent in the usual way.  Please continue to hold **routine** referrals until the above work has been finalised.

**Webinar workshops**

Humberside LMCs have commissioned a series of online, resilience workshops in partnership with Beyond Coaching for GPs, Practice Managers and primary care staff.

They are 75 minute long interactive sessions timed to run nearer the end of the day.  Topics have included ‘How to manage stress and be kinder to yourself’, ‘How to change perspectives to achieve clarity and focus’ and ‘How to build resilience in your team’.   The next three sessions are due to be held on 3, 16 and 30June from 4.15pm. Further information and booking links are available at  <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/lmceventstraining>