

## Genomics and Personalisation of Cancer Care – Invitation to attend Regional Accelerated Design Events

Dear Colleagues

Genomics has the potential to help improve outcomes for people with cancer, and the journey to mainstreaming genomic testing for cancer patients in the NHS is underway. In October this year, the national genomic testing directory will be introduced in England which will set out the genomic testing available and the clinical indications for its use. From October, for a small number of cancer types, NHS patients will be offered whole genome sequencing for the first time, together with the introduction of more extensive gene panel testing. The introduction of these tests will require new ways of handling and processing tissue to get the best possible outcomes for patients.

To support implementation **NHS England** and **Genomics England** <https://www.genomicsengland.co.uk> in partnership with **Cancer Research UK** and **Macmillan** would like to invite colleagues from the cancer community to join us at one of 4 regional events being held across the country this spring.

These co-produced events will bring together patients, the wider cancer community and the 13 NHS Genomic Medicine Centres, who have been delivering the 100,000 Genome Project, to consider what further changes need to be put in place to fully embed genomic medicine into routine cancer care and to offer cancer patients more personalised diagnosis and treatments.

During each event, we will seek to:

- Describe the number of cancer patients that could benefit from genomic medicine and what we need to do to achieve this.
- Reflect on and disseminate across wider cancer teams, the transformational changes that have happened across cancer pathways to embed genomic medicine.
- Collectively debate future changes that need to happen at pace in every organisation to achieve genomic medicine as part of routine cancer care.
- Describe how the goals for genomic medicine align with national goals for cancer care.
- Build connections, relationships and energy for change across each region.

These 4 regional meetings take the form of an Accelerated Design Event. This is a proven and evidence based process for considering important issues quickly and effectively and making collaborative decisions. With the right people in the room, within each regional workshop we aim to get to a stage of analysis and action planning that would normally take three or four months using the usual meetings and consultation approach.

The events will be facilitated by Dr Helen Bevan, OBE, Chief Transformation Officer for the NHS and the NHS Horizons team who have facilitated Accelerated Design Events at local, national and international level. <http://theedge.nhsiq.nhs.uk>



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The 4 regional events are open to all patients, clinicians and key partners who are passionate about improving care in cancer.

### **Details for date, venues and how to register are below:**

**12 April (London) - Mary Ward House, 5 - 7 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SN**

To register for the London event please click here:

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/regional-cancer-accelerated-learning-event-for-genomic-medicine-london>

**19 April (Birmingham) - Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR**

To register for the Birmingham event please click here:

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/personalising-cancer-care-with-genomic-medicine---regional-cancer-accelerated-design-event>

**16 May (Bristol) - DoubleTree by Hilton, Redcliffe Way, Bristol, BS1 6NJ**

To register for the Bristol event please click here:

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/personalising-cancer-care-with-genomic-medicine---regional-cancer-accelerated-design-event-24467>

**18 May (Leeds) - Hilton Leeds City, Neville Street, Leeds, LS1 4BX**

To register for the Leeds event please click here:

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/personalising-cancer-care-with-genomic-medicine---regional-cancer-accelerated-design-event-24471>

Places are limited so please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions please get in touch at [england.genomics@nhs.net](mailto:england.genomics@nhs.net).

We look forward to working with you at this exciting time for cancer patients in the NHS.

Best wishes

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