

Knowledge and Library Services Case Study

The Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS foundation Trust: Relationship between ethnicity and socio-economic status of patients in relation to the emergency presentation of cancer symptoms

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Reason for enquiry

People from lower socioeconomic or ethnic groups have worse survival outcomes from cancer. They are much more likely to present to a healthcare provider, often as emergency admissions, when their cancer is at an advanced stage and is therefore much more difficult to treat. Julie, as a practitioner in cancer diagnostics, wanted to find out the reasons for this and what strategies could be put in place to improve the chances of earlier diagnosis.

What the knowledge and library specialist did

The library undertook a series of searches, over several resources, that examined the patient journey from primary to secondary care for these patient groups.

Impact of input from the library and knowledge service

By doing the literature search for her we saved Julie time and ensured she had all the available evidence to inform service improvement. The search identified multiple factors which at play that encompassed levels of health literacy, missed screening opportunities, access to primary care and myths and misconceptions about symptoms of cancer and its treatment. The evidence suggested strategies that might be used to address these.

Immediate Impact

Outstanding service, the literature search and summary of key papers was amazing and super helpful. This work is informing how we can improve access to diagnostics for cancer within the Trust THANK YOU

Probable future Impact

In addition to better outcomes for patients early-stage cancer treatment costs the NHS considerably less. The Incisive Health report, commissioned by Cancer Research UK, estimates the cost of treating late-stage colon, rectal, lung and ovarian cancer alone is nearly two and a half times the amount for early-stage treatment.

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For further information on how you can get similar support contact your local NHS library and knowledge service.

Submission Details

[To be completed by Knowledge and Library Service at the point of submission]

Name of Organisation

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Title of Case Study

Relationship between ethnicity and socio-economic status of patients in relation to the emergency presentation of cancer symptoms.

NHS Region *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

East of England

London

Midlands

North East and Yorkshire

North West

South East

South West

Sector *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Acute

Acute and community

Care Trust

Clinical Commissioning Group

Commissioning Support

Community Trust

Cross-sector

Local Education and Training Board

Mental Health

Mental Health / Learning Disability

Mental Health / Social Care

Primary Care

Public Health

Shared Service / Informatics

Special HA

Other. If other, please specify

Group Impacted *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Additional Clinical Services

Administrative and Clerical

Allied Health Professionals

Estates and Ancillary

Healthcare Scientists
Medicine and Dental
Multiprofessional
Patients, Carers and the Public
Nursing and Midwifery
Scientific and Technical
Students

Impact Types *[Make bold any of the impact types below which apply]*

Contributed to personal or professional development

Contributed to service development or delivery

Facilitated collaborative working

Health Information for Patients, Carers and the Public

Improved the quality of patient care

Mobilising evidence and organisational knowledge

More informed decision making

Productivity and efficiency

Reduced risk or improved safety

Saved money or contributed to financial effectiveness

Improved health and wellbeing of staff and learners

Consent

I have consent from individuals referred to in this case study to share details nationally for advocacy and promotion. *[Make bold the option which applies:]*

Yes

No