



## RCGP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER USING CANCER SEAs

### Workshop Brief Instructions

These notes are to aid the feedback to the discussion on cancer SEAs in small groups.

Allow 15-20 minutes per case for reflection and debate.

Please appoint a spokesperson for the plenary to feedback your thoughts and reflection on this exercise

There are 3 Cancer SEAs with guided footnotes provided – we would like you to get through them all but if you run out of time do please review all the material after the learning event. Try to avoid looking at the footnotes until you have completed the questions below.

Remember this exercise is looking at Cancer SEAs focussing on the quality of the presentation, completeness of write up, quality of reflection, learning and impact for 'real' change, and its wider impact on general practice, the patient and the GP. You may use the themes checklist to identify and consider themes that **could** have been explored further. Whilst the clinical discussions presented in each Cancer SEA are important and relevant, the primary focus of this workshop is to identify what makes a Cancer SEA **high quality** and **reflective** in order to explore **themes** that can be addressed and **shared to improve early diagnosis** of cancer.

For **ALL** Cancer SEAs please discuss how the learning points could be shared within and across practices.

**Themes to identify and consider exploring further**

- Avoidable or unavoidable delays
- Clinical Presentation
- Communication
- Co-morbid long term conditions
- Complexity of the case
- Consultation activity
- Documentation
- End of life discussions
- Education and guidelines
- History of a previous cancer
- In-practice systems
- Investigations
- Palliative care
- Patient education and awareness
- Patient safety
- Practice staff issues
- Practitioner issues
- Primary-secondary care interface
- Read coding
- Referrals
- Risk assessment/clinical decision support tools
- Routes to diagnosis
- Safety netting
- Screening
- Teamwork
- Training

### **CANCER SEA PATIENT A**

What are your thoughts of the description of clinical presentation? Do you think the GP(s) have reflected adequately?

What are the themes identified for targeted quality improvement?

Were there any avoidable delays?

Could this emergency presentation have been avoided?

Do you think there are safety netting concerns and have they been addressed appropriately as a result of this Cancer SEA?

### **CANCER SEA PATIENT B**

What are your thoughts of the description and timelines of events?

What are your thoughts on the complexities discussed and the patient narrative?

What are the themes identified for targeted quality improvement?

What in-practice systems could be modified to maximize impact of the SEA

Was safety netting adequately addressed?

### **CANCER SEA PATIENT C**

What are the themes identified for targeted quality improvement?

Could using a Risk Assessment Tool or Cancer Decision Support Tool have resulted in earlier diagnosis

What are your thoughts on the practice team meeting and action taken by the practice as a result of the SEA

What in-practice systems have been modified as a result of this SEA

Is there enough information on how the Cancer SEA may affect or improve patient care?