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## News this month...

### Dear Answer Cancer Champions,

Welcome to our latest update, whether you are a long-standing Answer Cancer Champion or have only recently signed up.

In this ebulletin you will find detail of our upcoming **Stakeholder Collaborative event** in January, along with plans for **Cervical Cancer Prevention Month**.

You may also be interested in our **drop-in and induction sessions**. Don't worry if you can't attend these dates as we will be running more in the future.

Finally, we are looking for Answer Cancer Champions who are willing to be photographed for the project in the new year. These images will be used to [promote the programme and may be included on our website or leaflets. Please email us](#) if you're interested!

**If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact: [info@answercancergm.org.uk](mailto:info@answercancergm.org.uk)**

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## January Stakeholder Collaborative

### News, Updates, Ideas and Looking Ahead

Start 2021 with a spring in your step! Our Answer Cancer Get Together (Stakeholder Collaborative) is taking place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10am – 11.30am**. We're focusing this online event around Cervical Cancer Prevention week in January.

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- Hear the latest news and updates
- Find out how Answer Cancer staff can help and support your work
- Get new ideas to help you plan for Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January)
- Network! We'll make time for people to meet, catch-up and share news

We particularly want to invite Answer Cancer Champions and Voluntary Sector organisations, but anyone with an interest in cancer screening, cancer prevention and early detection is welcome.

Register in advance for this meeting here: <https://bit.ly/ACJan2021>

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## Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

As mentioned above, this takes place during the week of 18th-24th January 2021. During this week we will be sharing important information around cervical cancer within our communities.

**If you have a personal experience or story relating to cervical cancer which you are happy to share as part of Cervical Cancer Prevention week, we want to hear from you!**

We particularly want to hear from Answer Cancer Champions who are happy speaking in public about their experiences. However we will support and work with you to ensure that you are comfortable. Please get in touch at: [info@answercancergm.org.uk](mailto:info@answercancergm.org.uk)

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## Champion Dr Minaxi Desai in Eastern Eye

Dr Minaxi Desai, Answer Cancer Champion and a trustee for [Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust](#) & [Being There](#), has been featured in the Eastern Eye newspaper discussing research which showed that a third of women from a South Asian background do not think it is safe to visit a GP surgery at the moment. It also found that two-thirds of south Asian women believed it was best to delay cervical screening if they were at higher risk of coronavirus, while 90 per cent of them expressed concerns about catching the infection.

the worry of catching coronavirus, as well as the fear of the screening and not knowing exactly what is involved in smear taking.”

For more, read the full article [here](#).

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## Induction Training Sessions for new Answer Cancer Champions

Primarily aimed at newly registered Answer Cancer Champions, these sessions will introduce you to the programme and give you all of the information you need to get started as a Champion.

Lasting around 1 hour, the session will include:

- the basics you need to know to get started,
- information on the support Answer Cancer offers Champions,
- the chance to meet other Answer Cancer Champions,
- an opportunity to ask any questions you've got.

The upcoming dates are as follows. Please click on the links to book:

- Saturday 12th December, 11am-12noon: <https://tinyurl.com/ACInduction12Dec>
- Monday 18th January, 12noon-1pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACInduction18Jan>
- Saturday 30th January, 11am-12noon: <https://tinyurl.com/ACInduction30Jan>
- Monday 8th February, 12noon-1pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACinduction8Feb>
- Saturday 20th February, 11am-12noon: <https://tinyurl.com/ACinduction20Feb>
- Monday 8th March, 12noon-1pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACinduction8Mar>
- Saturday 20th March, 11am-12noon: <https://tinyurl.com/ACinduction20Mar>

Please note that advanced booking for these is required.

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## Answer Cancer Drop-in Sessions

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staff and the rest of the Answer Cancer Champion community. Attendance of these drop in sessions is optional but please stop by if you'd like to:

- update us on how you've been getting on,
- find out about upcoming Answer Cancer Champion opportunities, activities and campaigns you could get involved in,
- get some advice, support or direction,
- help shape the project by sharing your ideas for any changes or improvements we could make.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 27th January, 5.30pm-6.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin27Jan>
- Friday 5th February, 10am-11am: <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin5Feb>
- Wednesday 17th February, 5.30pm-6.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin17Feb>
- Friday 5th March, 10am-11am: <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin5Mar>
- Wednesday 17th March, 5.30pm-6.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin17Mar>

No booking is required for these events so just click on the link at the above times to join the Zoom event.

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**All of the above events will take place via Zoom. If you're unsure how to access Zoom please take a look at this [quick start guide](#) for support, or [contact us](#) if you have any queries.**

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For advice on Coronavirus for people worried about cancer or already diagnosed please visit:

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