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## News this month...

**Dear Answer Cancer Champions,**

Hello and a happy new year to all of our Champions! Welcome to our first ebulletin update for 2021. As we are now back into lockdown, all of our events are continuing to be delivered online, but we hope to resume face-to-face events later in the year.

In this ebulletin you will find details of a number of **opportunities and events** which you might be interested in. You will also find reminders of our **Stakeholder Collaborative event** taking place next week on Wednesday 13th January, along with plans for **Cervical Cancer Prevention Week** from 18th January.

You may also be interested in our **training, 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 would like to welcome our new Digital Lead Engagement worker, Vanessa Fisher, who joined the Answer Cancer team towards the end of 2020. Vanessa has worked in a marketing setting for 10 years prior, working for herself, in a consultancy and CEO capacity. Her passion for Mental Health awareness led her to start her own Non-profit focussing on advocating for community members in need of support for their Mental Health. She is excited to be a part of the team and support the project with digital engagement. Welcome, Vanessa!

**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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It's not too late to register for this event which is taking place via Zoom on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 10am – 11.30am. Come along and:

- 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
- Network! We'll make time for people to meet, catch-up and share news

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



## Virtual Cancer Week - 1st-5th February

Registration is now open for the Greater Manchester Cancer Virtual Cancer Week 2021, hosted by [Greater Manchester Cancer](#).

The online event will feature keynote speakers, debates, educational seminars and updates from across clinical and research services in Greater Manchester and beyond. It will also offer sessions focussed on lifestyle advice to help people to live well and reduce their risk of cancer.

Sessions are free to attend and suitable for Greater Manchester healthcare professionals, research professionals, people affected by cancer and the general public.

The programme will cover five core themes:

- Living Well
- Early Detection
- COVID-19
- International World Cancer Day
- Engaging Communities

[Click here to book your place](#)

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## Cervical Cancer Prevention Week

As mentioned in our last update, 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. We will also be hosting a conversation on cervical cancer for broadcast on local radio stations. If you are interested in taking part, please let us know! We would particularly like to hear from people with personal experience of cervical cancer.

We will be sending out a special Ebulletin relating to Cervical Cancer Prevention week shortly so please keep an eye out for this. For now, you might be interested in registering for of our our cervical cancer, awareness, prevention and screening training sessions.

This training seeks to show women how they can protect themselves and share messages through their networks that may help family, friends and co-workers do the same. This session will be interactive, fun, and full of facts, key messages and information to take away and share with others.

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 11.30am: Book [Here](#)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10am – 11.30am: Book [Here](#)

Please click on the links above to book.

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## Help improve prostate cancer care for black men

Prostate Cancer UK would like to learn more about black men's experiences of being diagnosed with and treated for prostate cancer so we can ensure black men with prostate cancer have the best possible outcomes.

NHS England and their Public and Patient Voice representative, Simeon Greene.

The focus group will take place on Wednesday 13 January from 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

To take part, please email [lizzie.ellis@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:lizzie.ellis@prostatecanceruk.org)

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## Volunteers Sought for Covid-19 Videos

With some patients nervous to attend due to COVID-19, Greater Manchester Cancer are seeking volunteers to take part in short videos to be used on their websites and social media. These will help to reassure patients of the safety measures, but also stress the importance of attending if their clinical teams have asked them to do so. They are particularly interested to hear from:

- Hospital staff including nurses, doctors (any in medicine or surgery), any staff within diagnostics including endoscopy, radiology etc
- General Practitioners
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners (Primary Care)

You will be given full comms guidance and support throughout the process and do not need to have any prior experience in this area. The whole process start to finish will take no longer than 30 minutes and can be arranged at a convenient time for you. They will be recorded virtually, so no travel is required.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Anna Perkins on [anna.perkins4@nhs.net](mailto:anna.perkins4@nhs.net) or on 07787274239.

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## Answer Cancer Training

Just as a reminder, we have a number of online training courses, induction sessions, and drop-in events coming up in January and beyond. The training covers a wide range of issues and topics, including NHS Cancer Screening Programmes, Creative Approaches to Online and Remote Engagement, and Community Researcher Training.

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of the following induction sessions to help get you started. You need to register in advance for an induction session via the link below:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (12noon-1pm) <https://tinyurl.com/ACInduction18Jan>
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (5.30pm-6.30pm) <https://tinyurl.com/ACdropin27Jan>
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (11am-12noon) <https://tinyurl.com/ACInduction30Jan>

All training dates and booking details can be found on our website [here](#).

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

[Cancer Research](#)  
[Macmillan Cancer Support](#)  
[Teenage Cancer Trust](#)



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