



## **North Derbyshire QUEST Session – Primary Care Cancer Pathways**

On 13 June, South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire Cancer Alliance attended the North Derbyshire QUEST event to speak with GPs and Practice Nurses about the alliance and its workstreams. Julia Jessop, Programme Director of the Cancer Alliance, gave an overview of the alliance and discussed the various workstreams and priorities.

Following on from this, there were a number of presentations from both primary and secondary care, covering topics such as the implementation of FIT (Faecal Immunology Testing) for diagnosing symptomatic patients with suspected bowel cancers, straight to test colonoscopy pilot, the Vague Symptoms Pathway for patients with non-specific but concerning symptoms and a range of care pathways including lung, breast, gynaecology and prostate cancers.

Representatives from Macmillan and Derbyshire Voluntary Action also attended to provide information on their work, including the #becancersafe project.

Some feedback from those who attended:

“It was helpful to hear about the amazing amount of work that has been done to improve our patients’ cancer pathways.”

“Absolutely excellent. Music to my ears! Thank you.”

“I think the Vague Symptoms pathway is long overdue as we are increasingly having patients not fitting directly into the 2ww proformas. We need reassurance as GP's that this pathway can ensure patients are seen quickly.”