

News release

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Website points people in the right direction

Patients, carers and health professionals are set to benefit from a new website designed to signpost them to the most appropriate cancer services online.

The site which has been created by the East Midlands Cancer Network; whose responsibilities include providing support and advice to cancer patients, their friends and relatives as well as health professionals across the East Midlands, launched this week.

The website has been designed to signpost users to specific sites relating to cancer rather than reproducing content from other sites, making information quicker and easier to access.

Health professionals will also be able to use the site to access meeting agendas, minutes of meetings and other useful documents to support their work. The website includes specific sections regarding current East Midlands projects, chemotherapy, supportive and palliative care, rehabilitation children's services and teenagers and young adults services to help streamline the information.

Mike Rooksby, chair of the EMCN Partnership Group, said: "Patients will be able to access information regarding the work of the Network Partnership Group and see copies of the minutes of the last meetings. This will give them a better insight to the work and discussions that take place."

Jo Kavanagh, EMCN nurse director, added: "Patients and carers will also be able to find out how they can get involved with this and other network groups plus a variety of different activities including their local patient partnership groups. Feedback from these groups help to improve services and make a positive difference for cancer patients across the region."

For more information or to visit the site log on to www.eastmidlandscancernetwork.nhs.uk or call 0116 2227184.

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Notes to Editors

NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland is the operating name for Leicestershire County and Rutland Primary Care Trust (PCT).

NHS Leicester City is the operating name for Leicester City PCT.

The East Midlands Cancer Network covers a population base of approximately four million. The network was formed by the integration of the three well respected cancer networks (Derby-Burton, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland and Mid Trent).

It provides the strategic overview for cancer services across the counties of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and part of East Staffordshire, to ensure that national policies are implemented at all levels. This involves collaborative working with all stakeholders including:

Strategic Health Authority

Primary Care Trusts,

Acute Trusts

Network Site Specific Groups

Patient & Public Involvement Group

Hospices

Cancer Information Centres

Voluntary sector