

# Network NEWS

Working together to provide patient pathways for children with cancer

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## Overview

The NW CC ODN is mandated through NHS England; and hosted through Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT) in partnership with Alder Hey via the Northwest Paediatrics Partnership board. There is joint Clinical Leadership from Professor Bernadette Brennan (Royal Manchester Children's Hospital) and Dr Lisa Howell (Alder Hey Children's Hospital). The ODN is accountable to NHSE specialised commissioning.

The NW CC ODN circulates a newsletter issue quarterly. The newsletter focuses on sharing successes, identifying learning opportunities and signposting you to the wider network resources.

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For further information.

## Social Media

Follow us on our Social Media Platforms @NWCCODN



Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter. We're excited to share an overview of the ODN's recent projects.

## Care Closer to Home



The Care Closer to Home project was officially launched in November 2024! The project aims to deliver care in the home and via a Mobile Cancer Care Unit to children across the region. Stay tuned for the CC2H newsletter to learn more!

## Henry's WiFi Legacy

Henry's Mum Sam has worked with NHSE & NWCCODN to develop Henry's story, a 7-minute digital story to promote the importance of good hospital wifi. This is something that was really important to Henry and something that continues to be raised as an issue in the CPES surveys across the country. Visit our website to view the video



## NW CTYA Cancer Conference 2025

The conference is being held on:  
Friday 7th March 2025 at  
The Spine Building, Liverpool, L7 3FA.



The 2025 Conference is being sponsored by Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance. We are delighted to collaborate with all 3 Cancer Alliances on delivering this.

The conference is **FREE** and aims to bring healthcare professionals together from across the North West to improve and innovate Cancer Care. Bookings have closed and we are operating a waiting list, due to the high volume of interest. **For those who have secured a place, we look forward to seeing you in March!**

## Over The Wall Camp

**Over The Wall Camp, a magical place for children and young people with long-term health conditions.**

Over The Wall Camp is a UK based charity for children and young people with health challenges and disabilities to discover a world of mischief and magic. We provide a safe place to step outside of comfort zones, establish friendships and build confidence through meaningful and exciting activities.

These amazing experiences are in-person at Residential camp, and from home with Camp in the Cloud. And what's more, it's all free!



## Harvey's Gang



Malcolm set up this programme in memory of Harvey Baldwin; a seven-year-old boy who underwent treatment for leukaemia at Worthing Hospital.

Harvey regularly had to attend the hospital for blood tests and transfusions and was very keen to know what happened to his blood samples after they had been sent off to the lab.

The scheme is now running at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and kids are presented with their own lab coat and became a 'Trainee Scientist' for a few hours. For more information contact Rebecca Booth via email: [rebecca.booth7@nhs.net](mailto:rebecca.booth7@nhs.net)

## National Paediatric Neuro-Oncology Nurses Group

Currently Jo Page (RMCH) and Helen Paisley (Alder Hey) are chair and co-chair of the National neuro-oncology nurses group, this group is long standing but following the annual meeting in November 23 the consensus was to formally establish the group. The group is now in the process of becoming a special interest group within CCLG as a stand-alone professional group (NONG) and Jo and Helen will remain in their chair posts for three years. Helen is also the chair of the European neuro-oncology nurses group more recently set up.

Jo and Helen were recently involved in producing a poster that was presented at ISPNO (21st International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology) in Philadelphia June 24, the national group also presented a poster about all oncology centres providing the same educational information for families and schools.



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