

West of Scotland Cancer Network - UGI Cancer MCN Work Plan 2025-2026

Title	Action Required	Lead	Due Date
MDT Digital System	Confirmed UGI cancer specific dataset, in preparation for migration to the MDT digital system. Review as appropriate to ensure it remained fit for purpose	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	In line with eMDT system delivery timeline
Upper GI regional service review	Provide support to implement the recommendations of the Upper GI regional service review as the work stream progresses.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	In line with service review timeline/ delivery
Robotic surgery provision	Participation and support as required to ensure equitable surgical care.	MCN Clinical Lead	Ongoing
Clinical Management Guidance	Maintain UGI cancer CMGs. Update in line with regular review schedule or SMC/NCMAG approvals.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager Oncology representatives	Ongoing
Clinical Management Documents	Review and update West of Scotland Dietetic Intervention Pathway: Newly Diagnosed Upper GI Cancers	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager Dietetics Representatives	Aug-25
Guidelines	Work with CfSD to update of Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer.	Nominated representatives from MCN	In line with CfSD timeline/delivery.
Service Map configuration	Update annually in line with QPI report publication schedule.	MCN Manager	In line with QPI report
National MDT	Explore feasibility of participating in National OG MDT meeting (via Teams)	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager	Sep-25
Education event	Contribute to the development of the 2025 national event, which facilitates review of clinical audit data and addressing relevant key issues, in collaboration with colleagues in SCAN and NCA.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	Nov-25
Clinical audit data	Review individual tumour specific QPI audit findings to identify variation in practice and highlight exceptions.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	In line with schedule for regional audit report publication
	Governance review and Interrogation of QPI exceptions		
	Input to the production of the Annual Clinical Audit Report		
	Monitor and ensure progress of improvement action plans.		

Clinical Audit data	MCN to work with NHS Ayrshire & Arran to explore the impact of patient fitness and disease at presentation on curative treatment rates.	MCN Clinical Lead Representatives from NHS A&A MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	Nov-25
Clinical Audit data	MCN to undertake additional analysis at a national level to review the patient and disease characteristics of patients commencing NACT and down staging chemotherapy across Scotland once appropriate permissions have been secured.	WoSCAN Information Team	Jun-25
Survival analysis	Utilise the findings of Public Health Scotland survival analysis of Upper GI cancer patients to understand local, regional and national differences, and ensure consistency in outcomes and treatment approach.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	In line with PHS timeline/ delivery
Early disease diagnosis	MCN to explore paths to increase diagnosis of early disease including Barrett's surveillance, improved diagnostic endoscopy, use of oesophageal cell collection devices and Upper GI referral pathways.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Jan-26
Utilisation of ESD Service	MCN to review the utilisation of ESD services across the West of Scotland.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Mar-26
Pathway to histological diagnosis	MCN to work with NHS Boards to explore the pathway to histological diagnosis across WoSCAN Boards and identify areas within individual NHS Boards where improvements can be made.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Feb-26
Cross MDT learning	MCN to explore opportunities for cross MDT learning to reflect on how patients are selected for radical treatment.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Dec-25