

UGI Cancer MCN Work Plan 2026-2027 (FINAL)

Title	Description	Lead	Due Date	Current update	RAG
MDT Digital System	Confirmed UGI cancer specific dataset, in preparation for migration to the MDT digital system. Review as appropriate to ensure it remains fit for purpose	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	In line with eMDT system delivery timeline	Tumour-specific core data set agreed by MCN Advisory Board. To be progressed in line with MDT 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	Work is progressing in 2 phases - harmonisation of MDT practice, and development of a clinical model - progress has been made towards the aim of a single MDT with NHS A&A surgical cases now discussed jointly at NHS Lanarkshire's existing MDT. The clinical model continues to be developed.	
Robotic surgery provision	Participation and support as required to ensure equitable surgical care.	MCN Clinical Lead	Ongoing		
Clinical Management Guidance & Documents	Maintain UGI cancer CMDs and CMGs. Update in line with regular review schedule or SMC/NCMAG approvals.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager Oncology representatives	Ongoing	West of Scotland Dietetic Intervention Pathway: Newly Diagnosed Upper GI Cancers under review	
Service Map configuration	Update annually in line with QPI report publication schedule.	MCN Manager	In line with QPI report	Under review	
Education event	<p>Deliver national Upper GI education event which facilitates review of clinical audit data as required, and promotes shared learning of current best practice and innovation</p> <p>Establish data requirements for the event, and any arising as a result of the event. Ensure appropriate data sharing agreements issued, completed, agreed and passed to information team.</p> <p>Develop action plans arising from event. Monitor progress of agreed actions</p> <p>*Record actions arising from discussion at event</p> <p>* Develop action plans of same</p> <p>*Issue action plans as appropriate</p> <p>*Monitor progress of actions recorded</p>	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	Nov-26		

Regional education event	Consider a regional training event – subject to be identified.	MCN Manager, MCN Clinical Lead	Mar-27		
Clinical audit data	Review individual tumour specific QPI audit findings to identify variation in practice and highlight exceptions. *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.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	In line with schedule for regional audit report publication		
	Audit of the MDT documentation to establish the reasons patients are being deemed as being not being fit for radical treatment.	MCN Clinical Lead & MCN Advisory Board	Jan-27		
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. This is to be achieved via Cross Regional MDT visits.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager WoSCAN Information Team	Nov-26		
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. NHS Lanarkshire to pilot the introduction of the use of oesophageal cell collection in surveillance pathway.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Feb-27		
Utilisation of ESD Service	MCN to review the utilisation of ESD services across the West of Scotland. To establish short life working group to progress national consensus on the issue.	MCN Clinical Lead MCN Manager MCN Advisory Board	Dec-26		