



Are you a GP surgery in Hackney?

Do you have a substantial number of Black African patients that are between 58 and 74 years old?

Join our Bowel Cancer Screening Programme pilot

The Community African Network (CAN) through Hackney CVS received a grant from the Healthier City and Hackney Fund to pilot a new approach to increasing the awareness of bowel cancer and the uptake of bowel cancer screening in the older Black African community through targeted outreach and working with GP surgeries in low uptake areas in Hackney.

We are inviting interested GP surgeries with a significant number of Black African patients to be part of this project. The project will recruit Community Health Champions to create awareness about Bowel Cancer and work in partnership with your surgery to encourage the target group to undertake screening. This project will support you in your bowel cancer screening contract and help improve uptake of screening.

The commitment required from participating surgeries will be:

- To work with HCVS/CAN for a year.
- Enter into data protection agreements with HCVS/CAN.
- To run or enable HCVS/CAN to run searches on EMIS to identify Black African patients about to receive their Bowel Cancer screening kit.
- To host Community Health Champions in the surgery one afternoon / morning a week.
- To give Community Health Champions access to EMIS in order for them to call Black African patients who are about to / have received bowel cancer screening tests to encourage them to return the kit
- To provide anonymised data of returned kits
- To provide one hour training from practice key personnel who make the calls to the Community Health Champions
- Successful GP surgeries will also be invited to attend the steering group for this project (*optional?*)

All Community Health Champions will receive training on Bowel Cancer from CNS, motivational interviewing and telephone etiquette centrally and will be supported throughout the programme by HCVS / Community African Network

If you are interested in being part of the project, complete the attached application form. For further information contact Oladapo Awosokanre, Project Coordinator, HCVS/CAN (email: [oladapo@hcvS.org.uk](mailto:oladapo@hcvS.org.uk) or call **020 7923 8391**).