



UK Coronavirus

Cancer Monitoring Project

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<https://ukcoronaviruscancermonitoring.com>

Dear [INSERT NAME OF AUDIT DEPARTMENT LEAD],

Re: Approval request for UK Coronavirus Cancer Monitoring Project

The UK National Health Service is facing unprecedented pressure on its resources in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is without doubt that delivery of cancer care will be impacted on a national scale. What consequences this will have on the short- and long-term provision of cancer services and the effect on patient outcomes will be of huge interest to a wide audience, including clinicians, the general public, healthcare organisations and policymakers. This project is supported by , The Association of Cancer Physicians (ACP) , Cancer Research UK (CRUK) and The National Oncology Trainees Collaborative for Healthcare Research (NOTCH).

We ask that you support the UK Coronavirus Cancer Monitoring Project, a national collaborative public health evaluation project, that seeks to prospectively track cases and outcomes of cancer patients with Covid-19. The data will be collected by clinicians actively involved in the care of such patients, within their local hospital. Strict information governance will be followed with regards to de-identification of shared data and the data will be stored on a secure online database accessible only by approved users. The Health Research Authority has reviewed the project and has advised that the project is not considered to be research (letter attached) and can proceed with local project agreement.

Enclosed with this letter is the project protocol, which includes the process for individuals to report cases and a link to the data collection tool. Further information can be found at www.UKcoronaviruscancermonitoring.com

We hope that you will agree with us that this is a worthwhile and timely project. Drawing useful conclusions from this public health evaluation will hinge on a comprehensive coverage of cancer services across the country. Therefore, we would hugely value your approval for this project to proceed within your Trust.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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[NAME OF LOCAL PROJECT LEAD]



On behalf of the UK Coronavirus Cancer Monitoring team