

Quality of Life Pilot Steering Group

Help us improve quality of life for people affected by cancer

In a world leading move, NHS England is developing a new tool which will help us understand the quality of life of people who have been treated for cancer. Currently, there is no measure to assess how well people are supported after treatment – not only in their physical needs, but also other support such as help at home or financial advice.

UCLH Cancer Collaborative will be one of five pilot sites in England for the new Quality of Life questionnaire. This is an exciting and innovative project which will help drive improvements in support after treatment for people living with and beyond cancer.

Do you have an interest in improving quality of life for people who have received treatment for cancer? Please express your interest in being a patient representative for our Quality of Life Pilot Steering Group.

How will the pilot work?

This pilot project will focus on breast, colorectal and prostate cancer patients who received treatment at Barts Health or UCLH between 1 and 2 years ago. Patients will receive a link to an online patient portal, where they will be asked to complete about their health and wellbeing.

This questionnaire will help establish the person's quality of life post-treatment in a holistic way. The person can then discuss their results at their next clinic appointment or with their GP. In future, this data could also be used to look at variation in effective support in different areas (for example, by commissioners planning services).

The pilot will run until December 2018. It will then be rolled out nationally.

For more information about this work, please visit the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/09/new-quality-of-life-measure-for-recovering-cancer-patients/>

What is the role of the Steering Group?

- Oversee delivery of the quality of life project, overcoming potential challenges and ensuring that targets are met
- Help shape the way the quality of life pilot will be run

Who are we looking for to join our Steering Group?

- Experience of being treated for cancer within the past 5 years at an NHS hospital in the UCLH Cancer Collaborative area ([see map](#)) – as a patient or carer / family member
- Passionate about improving health services for people affected by cancer and interest in evaluating quality of life
- Able to offer constructive challenge to senior professionals when necessary, and confident participating in group discussions
- Collaborative, inclusive and respectful approach to working with others, and excellent listening skills
- Able to consider issues affecting the diverse range of people affected by cancer, beyond your own experiences and anecdotes
- Willing to adhere to our Ways of Working, Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreements.

The provisional meeting dates for the steering group are:

- Friday 23rd February, 1-2.30pm
- Friday 23rd March, 2- 3.30pm
- Friday 27th April, 1-2.30pm

Ideally you will be able to attend all of these meetings. Additionally we may request about an hour of your time each month to respond to emails between meetings and to comment on documents (if required).

All meetings will be held at 250 Euston Road, London NW1 2PG or St Barts Hospital. The meeting rooms will be fully accessible.

Support and induction

We will provide you with a 1:1 induction with the chair of the steering group and personalised support as required.

We will reimburse reasonable travel expenses, in line with our Expenses Policy.

Are you interested?

If you would like to express an interest in joining the Quality of Life Pilot Steering Group, please contact us to discuss your suitability for the role.

The deadline to express an interest is **Sunday 22 January 2018**.

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