



Have you been affected by cancer, as a patient or someone who has cared for or supported a patient?

If you have, would you like to join a group which will help guide research on inequalities in cancer care and outcomes?

You are very welcome to join this group even if you do not have experience of health research.

What is the research about?

We know that peoples' experiences with cancer care and their outcomes can be different based on where they live, their age, ethnicity or other factors. We believe the healthcare system needs improvement to meet the needs of all. We want to understand who and where are the people who always have worse outcomes, what their experiences are, and which parts of cancer care need the most improvement. We want to work with patients, carers, and others to develop solutions that can make cancer care better for everyone.

Using anonymous data routinely collected by the NHS, our research will start by looking at the differences in cancer outcomes along the cancer journey for the 21 most common cancers in England. Next, we will focus on lung cancer in two specific areas: Northern England and South-East London. This more detailed study, involving both population-based data and interviews, will help us propose and test solutions, that could then be adapted to other types of cancer or in other regions or nationwide.

How are you involving people in this research?

We want to involve a diverse group in this research, including those with experience of cancer as a patient, carer, friend, family member or community support worker. You do not have to have had experience of lung cancer specifically or live in either of our initial target areas, but we will try to make sure we do have that relevant experience in the group.

Most importantly you will be interested in the topic and keen to share your thoughts, ideas, and experience to help improve the research and share its outputs.

What would my involvement look like?

This will depend on your interest and availability, so we would discuss this with you individually. There will be several ways to get involved, for example as a member of a 'stakeholder' panel attending meetings to give input or share experiences, or at a more hands-on level as a member of the team helping to shape and lead the patient and public input. Any time spent will be recognised in line with Cancer Research UK's Rewards and Recognition payments rates.

How can I join or find out more?

If you are interested to join or find out more, please contact Ms Yuki Alencar, Group Manager and Patient/Public Involvement lead:

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We will follow up with you directly or via someone else if you prefer, such as a carer or community leader.