



# Affected by Cancer?



## Share your views to inform change

Come to an informal workshop to:

- Tell us about your experience of diagnosis, treatment and care
- Suggest and discuss ideas about how we can improve services, care and support for people affected by cancer
- Make a difference to the future of cancer services.

Workshops are being held at 11am - 2pm on:

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 in central Newcastle

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 in central London

21<sup>st</sup> April in central Birmingham

For further information or to book your place on the workshop please contact us at [engagement@cancer.org.uk](mailto:engagement@cancer.org.uk), call **0203 469 8777**

Lunch and travel expenses provided. Limited places, so book early to avoid disappointment.

# Information about the workshop for people affected by cancer

## Why do we need to talk to people affected by cancer?

People who have been affected by cancer are experts when it comes to cancer services. Your views will make sure that we're able to understand how diagnosis, treatment and care are received in the NHS today, and how to make real improvements to cancer services and experiences.

We want to hear from people of **all ages, all ethnicities and all walks of life, to ensure the strategy truly benefits all people affected by cancer**, so if you have a personal experience of cancer or a relative or loved one who has been affected by cancer, we'd love to hear from you.

## What will happen on the day?

You will get the chance to give your opinions in small group discussions, about how things can be improved, based on your experience. We'll talk about a number of different topics, ranging from what happens before someone is diagnosed, how someone felt about their treatment, and how we could make services better for patients and their families.

## How will our views make a difference?

NHS England set up an independent group of experts, or 'Taskforce', to develop a five year cancer plan to deliver **better prevention, swifter diagnosis and better treatment, care and aftercare** for all cancer patients. The experts on the taskforce include a patient, people from public sector organisations and cancer charities. Cancer Research UK is organising this workshop, on behalf of the taskforce, to listen to the opinions of people affected by cancer.

Representatives from the taskforce will be at the workshop to listen to your opinions on how to make improvements. There are other workshops with people affected by cancer taking place across England as well as workshops with professionals (including doctors, nurses and others working to provide services or treatments for people affected by cancer). We'll collect all the views shared in these workshops and the most popular ideas will be used to directly inform the new cancer plan and change how services are provided in England.

## Why should people affected by cancer come along?

The NHS have said that no decision about patients should be made without patients, and they are committed to ensuring patients are at the heart of what they do. But they need help to do this. By joining us and others on the day, you'll get the opportunity to use your voice to inform the new cancer plan and improve cancer services for the future.

## Book your free place:

For further information or to register your interest in joining a workshop please contact us at [engagement@cancer.org.uk](mailto:engagement@cancer.org.uk), call **0203 469 8777** or complete our form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TaskforceInterest>

Places are limited due to venue size. Travel expenses are available and lunch is provided. If you'd like to find out more about the Cancer Taskforce, visit our [website](#).