

Invitation to participate in a discussion group:

Review of the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey in England (CPES)

What is the purpose of this study?

Each year, NHS England conduct a national survey of people living with cancer. The survey is called 'England's National Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES)'.

We want to explore whether this survey is good in understanding the experiences and views of persons living with cancer. We will be talking to people who have or had cancer and family members and carers, to hear their views and experiences of the survey. The results will be used to update the current cancer survey in England to make sure people's voices are being heard.



What information will be asked in the focus group?

We will ask you about:

- Your views and experiences around cancer services
- What are the most important aspects of care to you
- Your opinions on how the cancer care could be improved.
- Whether the current survey allows you to express your views fully

Who can take part?

You can take part if you are 18 years or older and are a person who has or had cancer or carer, and were treated in England.

Do I have to take part?

No – participation is entirely voluntary. It is entirely up to you to decide whether to take part, please take time to read this information sheet to help you make that decision. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and asked to sign a consent form. If you take part you are still free to pull out or stop at any time without giving a reason. If you decide to pull out, this will not affect your care in any way

What will happen if I take part?



If you decide to take part, we will invite you to attend a discussion group with a researcher. The discussion group will last for approximately 90 minutes and it will be audio-recorded to help later analysis. There will be 6-8 people in the discussion group, as well as a researcher leading the group. All participants will be given a **£25 Love to shop gift voucher** for taking part.

Where and when will the groups take place?

The focus groups will take place in London and Manchester between the 4th and 9th April 2018.



What do I do if I want to take part?

If you would like to take part, you can either speak to person who gave you this information sheet, or contact **Lizzie Thwaites** at Picker:

- **Telephone:** 01865 208133/ 01865 208100
- **Email:** lizzie.thwaites@pickereurope.ac.uk

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes. Our researchers ensure that everyone has an opportunity to give their views, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. No one that provides your care will be present, and no information will be passed onto them in a form that allows individuals to be identified. No identifying information (such as names) will be included in any of the reporting, so nobody will know who said what.

What will happen to the results of the discussion group research?

The audio recordings will be transcribed and analysed by researchers at Picker. The findings will be used to develop an online survey to collect a wider range of views, in order to make informed improvements to the website, to ensure it is a helpful tool for patients and their family/ friends.

Who is organising the research?

The research is being conducted by Picker, an independent healthcare research charity based in Oxford, on behalf of NHS England.

More information

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Thank you!