

# Wessex Cancer Alliance Patient and Public Steering Group and Network Impact Summary: April-June 2024



Wessex Cancer Alliance has commissioned Involving People at Help & Care to involve volunteers with lived experience in the work of the Alliance. The Steering Group acts as a critical friend to ensure patient and public involvement is effective. The Network enables us to invite more people with lived experience to be involved in a range of opportunities. Here's a look back on the previous quarter's work.

At our April steering group we discussed:

- The multi cancer blood test – a potential pilot that has since been paused
- Cancer statistics – how best to present data on the WCA website
- We heard an update from our representative on the WCA board



This quarter we piloted the **Volunteero** app with our volunteers to make communication with them and reporting to the Alliance easier.



We are trying to grow the network and get new members from diverse groups involved.

Plans for the next quarter:

- Improve how we measure impact
- Link more volunteers to programme leads



25 volunteers including 10 steering group members  
16 opportunities for involvement

Volunteers have been invited by the Alliance to be involved in:

- A workshop considering how to provide cancer information and signposting
- A Cancer Nurse Specialist and Allied Health Professionals meeting about integrated care and how to achieve it
- An Alliance away day, discussing the 5 year strategy
- Contributing to several funding applications, including a blood based test for prostate cancer

Other partners have offered opportunities to be involved in:

- A local sibling cancer survey
- A national ovarian cancer survey
- A women's health survey and a study of long term conditions (non-Cancer related)
- The national NHS peer leadership development scheme



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