

Wessex Cancer Alliance Patient and Public Steering Group and Network Impact Summary: July-September 2024



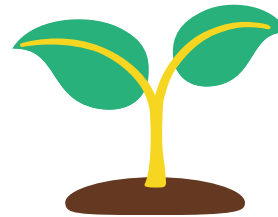
Wessex Cancer Alliance has commissioned Involving People at Help & Care to involve volunteers with lived experience in the work of the Alliance. The Steering Group acts as a critical friend to ensure patient and public involvement is effective. The Network enables us to invite more people with lived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

At our July steering group we discussed:

- Cancer Research Bowel Cancer project – how to engage and involve people
- The review of WCA Communications and Patient and Public Involvement strategy
- Involving People Impact Report – how we did last year
- WCA 5-year strategy
- The “Know the Signs” cancer awareness campaign
- We had an update from our representative on the WCA Board

All new volunteers will use the Volunteer app so communication and reporting is easier for everyone.

“ Involving People are approachable, supportive and responsive. *Steering Group Volunteer* ”



We continue to try to grow the network and many partners are promoting the network & steering group. As a result a few people have made contact to find out more.

“ The Steering Group does an excellent job, providing Wessex Cancer Alliance with constructive challenge and meaningful stakeholder views ”

Medical Director, WCA

Plans for the next quarter:

- Continue to improve how we measure impact
- Link more volunteers to programme leads

27 volunteers and 9 steering group members
6 opportunities for involvement

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

- WCA CRUK Bowel Project
- WCA cancer awareness campaign
- WCA Early diagnosis innovation project
- Widening access to cancer research and innovations workshop

Other partners have offered opportunities to be involved in:

- PROCOT (study) for prostate cancer and radiotherapy
- Greater Manchester Cancer Alliance Breast Cancer conference



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