

What I Would Like to Change... about cancer services

Who did this research?

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Why did we do this project?

Disabled people face problems accessing cancer services, like being unfairly treated and misunderstood. Healthcare workers must listen to disabled patients to make this better.

What did we do?

We listened to disabled people's stories and ideas about what might improve cancer care.

We did art with four groups: MS Centre Dorset, Bournemouth Lymphedema Group, Autism Hampshire (part of Avenues Group), and Winchester Go LD. We used what we learnt last time with our 'What I Would Like to Say' project to help us.

We talked about how to improve cancer care. We saw everyone as an expert. We grouped our conversations based on similarities.

What did we find?

We found four big similarities in people's stories.

1. Support patients' understanding
2. Take a 'whole person' approach (don't just focus on the illness)
3. Ensure the accessibility of practice
4. Expand knowledge of disabled experiences

The research team enjoyed working with the different groups.

What happens next?

We might go back to the government and share our findings. We are working with the Trans Aware Cancer Care team to help make breast screening more accessible at Princess Anne Hospital.