



PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CANCER SERVICES

The Northern Ireland Cancer Network (NICaN) is working towards the continuous improvement in cancer care and cancer survival for the people of Northern Ireland. It aims to ensure that individuals receive equitable, high quality, patient centred and clinically effective care.

Members of the Cancer Network **Regional Forum for Patient and Public Involvement** are already actively involved in working with health care professionals to shape services within all cancer groups. Current examples of involvement are the Cancer Services Framework, training for health care professionals as well as the development of a Handbook of Cancer Services. The active involvement of individuals affected by cancer is absolutely vital in order to ensure that services are patient centred and reflect the needs of both patients and carers. We are now seeking wider involvement from as many individuals as possible throughout Northern Ireland.

Who should be involved?

If you yourself have received a diagnosis of cancer, are related to someone who has received a diagnosis of cancer or are simply keen to be involved in this area of care, we would love to hear from you. We are holding three separate meetings in order to be as accessible as possible.

What will be on the agenda?

- The Cancer Services Framework - what is it and what is it hoping to achieve?
- Identifying and discussing a Patient and Public led regional project
- Outlining ways of individual involvement within the Cancer Network

When & Where?

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Comfort Inn, Antrim	Monday 31st March	7pm – 9pm
Beech Hill Hotel, L'Derry	Tuesday 1st April	2pm – 4pm
Malone House , Shaws Bridge, Belfast	Wednesday 2nd April	10.00 – 12pm

We very much hope to hear from you. This is the perfect time to come on board - your input is both very much welcomed and vital if together we are to shape cancer services for the future.

If you would like the opportunity to be involved in this important work please contact Janis McCulla (NICaN Regional Co-Ordinator for Patient and Public Involvement) at the NICaN office **tel. 028 9056 5860** or **E mail to admin@nican.n-i.nhs.uk**