

CanPoPP Newsletter

Thank you for your continued interest in this group and the research we do. You are helping to make change happen.

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Our most recent blog for World Cancer Day: United by Unique and can be read [here](#).



Engagement with Local Communities on Non - Invasive Cancer Tests in Primary Care

The Cancer Theme have begun a series of community consultation events with diverse communities around the

country, with the aim of capturing public views on the implementation of new non-invasive cancer tests.

These events are part of our engagement strategy to establish contacts within local organisations and stakeholders that we can work with in partnership in the future.

Events so far have taken place in a diverse range of communities including an event with people from inner city Leicester and another aimed at people living in coastal and rural areas in Cornwall.

Participants at these events were very receptive to the idea of non-invasive cancer testing, as it could enable earlier detection of cancer and would result in receiving earlier treatment. Despite recognising the value of non-invasive cancer tests, many people strongly suggested that primary care needs to have more resources and capacity to see patients, to deliver care more flexibly, and in some cases for GPs to take patient's cancer concerns more seriously.

"Oh my days, everyone knows my life – it's not a newspaper, it's private. It's too much for some people, they stop going. I like going to see the same GP. I don't want to see Tom, Dick and Harry, I want to see Tom, Dick or Harry." (White Male).

"People are treated differently by their GPs. Sometimes it feels like a conflict as they feel you are questioning their professionalism. I know of many people whose cancer concerns have not been taken seriously by GPs and they have then gone on to be diagnosed with cancer". (Asian Female).

The events have been well received and many people commented how valuable they thought it was to be able to give feedback on health innovations before they are put into use. Additionally for the Cancer Theme, it was pleasure to establish new working relationships with local stakeholders and communities that we will continue to develop.

Pictures created at Penzance event by local artist Keith Sparrow.



Cancer breath test evaluation in Primary Care (Panacea): A diagnostic study

We are exploring whether a simple breath test for patients with relevant symptoms can help identify more gastrointestinal cancers early.

Read more about this study on the following webpage: [PANACEA – Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford](#)

Personalised Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Retesting Intervals in Primary Care

Thank you to the prostate cancer PPI group who provided feedback on the paper. It is currently under revision with the BMJ (British Medical Journal) and one reviewer was impressed with the level of PPI input we had throughout the writing of the paper.

Thank you also to the PPI group members who contributed to the PSA retesting intervals stage 1 grant application. We are currently working on the application for stage 2. Further details of this grant to be found here: [Real-World Evidence for Health Equity in Prostate Cancer Awards](#).

Watch out for more prostate cancer related PPI activities in the future. We are planning a patient engagement event soon.

We are coming to PRIDE!

Please come and visit our stall if you are around for Oxford Pride Saturday 7th June or London Pride Saturday 5th July.

We would love to meet you and talk about our research!