The government is making a new plan about better cancer care in England

Please tell us your ideas for the plan

February 2022
About the new cancer plan

We are the government.

We are making a new plan about cancer.

Cancer is an illness that can happen in the body. There are many different types of cancer.

We want to make medical care and support for cancer the best it can be.

We want to save many more lives.

Our plan will be about what we will do in the next 10 years to make cancer care better.

The plan will be for England.

It will last from 2022 to 2032.
But first we want to hear people’s ideas about how to make cancer care better.

That will help us to make our plan.

You can tell us your ideas if you are aged 16 or over.

There are some questions for you to answer in this document.

Please tell us your ideas by 11.45pm on 8 April 2022.

You can find out how on page 18.

Why we are making the plan

Many people get ill or die from cancer every year.

Cancer care has got much better.

And we are saving more lives.
But we must do more to make sure that everyone gets the best cancer care.

That includes:

Supporting people to know how to keep healthy.
That can help to stop some cancers happening.

Supporting people to know what cancer might look like or feel like in the body.

Making sure that everyone across the country gets the same good care.
Some areas should not get worse care than others.

Making sure that more people are told if they have cancer sooner.
That is important. It gives people more chance of getting better.
Making sure that we have the right staff with the right support to give good cancer care.

Making sure that people get the right care for them during cancer and after it.

Using new ideas, information and technology to find cancer early and treat it.

COVID-19 has made cancer care harder for patients and the NHS.

But the NHS has still worked hard to give people good cancer care.

They have worked in new ways and used new technology to do that.

We can learn from COVID-19 to make cancer care even better in the future.
The questions for you to answer

Some questions have boxes for you to write your answer in.

Try not to write more than 500 words for each answer if you can.

Please do not give us people’s names in your answers unless they have said yes first.

For other questions, please tick the boxes with the answers you choose.

About you

Please answer these questions if you can.

It will help us to know what different groups of people need from cancer care.
Where do you live in the UK?

- England
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- I do not live in the UK

If you live in England, which part do you live in?

- London
- North East England
- North West England
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- East of England
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- South East England
- South West England
- I do not want to say
Stopping cancer or finding it early

Do you have enough information to help you know if you might have different types of cancer?

For example, do you have enough information to help you know if something that changes in your body could be cancer?

Yes ☐  No ☐  I don’t know ☐

Where would you go to get information about cancer?

You can tick up to 5 boxes. There are more choices on the next page.

My doctor (GP) ☐

The NHS website ☐

NHS 111. This is a phone number you can call if you are worried about your health but it is not an emergency. ☐
Hospital

The internet. For example, searching on Google

Social media, like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

A cancer charity or organisation

My family or partner

My friends

Television or radio

News stories or information made by experts who work in medicine

Something else. Please tell us what
About cancer care

Are you getting medical care for cancer at the moment?

Or have you had medical care for cancer in the past?

Yes. And some of my medical care happened after March 2020.
March 2020 was when COVID-19 started.

Yes. My medical care finished before March 2020.
That was before COVID-19 started.

No

I do not want to say

You only need to answer the next question if you have had medical care for cancer.

If you have not had medical care for cancer you can go to the next question after that.
How could your medical care for cancer have been better?

Think about the last time you had medical care for cancer when you answer this question if you can.

You can tell us up to 3 things that would have made your medical care better.

1. 

2. 

3. 

Making our new cancer plan

We want to make cancer care the best it can be.

Which things below do you think are most important for us to work on in the next 10 years?

Tick as many boxes you like.

Supporting people to know about how cancer happens and how to stop it.

Supporting people to know about what cancer might look like or feel like in the body.

Making sure that more people are told if they have cancer sooner.

Better medical care for cancer. And making sure that everyone who needs cancer care can get it.

Better care and support for people after they have cancer. That is for people who have cancer and their families.
Do you have any ideas for how we can make each of the things on the page before this happen?

Please tell us any ideas you have below for how we can do each thing.

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Some more questions about you

These questions will help us to know what different groups of people need.

What is your age?

I do not want to say
What ethnic group are you from?

This is about things like where you and your family are from and the language you speak.

Choose one group that feels most right for you:

White

More than one ethnic group

Asian or British Asian

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

Another ethnic group

I do not want to say

Are you

Female

Male

Other
Do you have a disability?

Yes  [ ]  No  [ ]  I don’t know  [ ]

Do you have any health conditions or mental health conditions that will last more than a year?

Mental health is about how you think and feel. For example, if you feel sad or worried a lot.

Yes  [ ]  No  [ ]  I don’t know  [ ]

Do you have any qualifications from school, college or university?

A qualification is usually when you study for a while then pass some exams or tests.

There are more choices on the next page.

I have a degree from university or a qualification above that.  [ ]

That might also include:
- A foundation degree
- HNC
- NVQ level 4 and above
- A teaching or nursing degree
I have a qualification below a degree

For example:
- GCSEs, AS or A levels
- NVQ level 1,2,3

I do not have any qualifications from school, college or university

I do not know

I do not want to say

That is the end of the questions.

What happens next

We will look at the answers that everyone gave us.

That will help us to make our plan about cancer care in England for the next 10 years.

We will write more about what everyone told us in the summer of 2022.
How to give us your answers

Please give us your answers by 11.45pm on 8 April 2022.

To give us your answers you can:

1. **Print and scan** this document to your computer using a scanner.

   Then email it to:

   cancer.callforevidence@dhsc.gov.uk

2. Or print and **post** this document with your answers to:

   Cancer Call for Evidence
   Department of Health and Social Care
   39 Victoria Street
   London
   SW1H 0EU
   United Kingdom

Thank you.