

## Patient Group Response

13 March 2017

I was invited to ask our patient groups for any comments on the merger.

I asked our patient group on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 10 ladies 2 men- when I told them what was required as to their comments, their immediate chorus, bar one, was-‘we didn’t know anything about it’-on that reckoning it would appear if that is representative of the patients already attending the hospital ( already in the system so to speak)in their cancer pathway- what do the general public understand about the merger??

The one person who had heard of the merger was told by her nurse so only word of mouth

Comments were-

*‘teams are already overwhelmed- when merge services and remove them from one site to put on another unless they increase team members then more patients to one hospital will increase waiting times, be negative patient experience etc.- but on the other hand if all specialists come together and there is enough in the team then it will be good experience- I think I would need reassurance of that’*

*‘if there are staff cuts due to teams being duplicated and they cut too far again maybe negative and as one in two are getting cancer that cannot happen, just for short term thinking’*

*‘distance is a concern for both sets of patients if their service is moved, especially if rely on public transport’*

*‘I am concerned as to where I would be referred and not get a choice and choice becomes limited’*

*‘concerned over public transport and if can drive – parking would only get worse if more patients on one site but I guess that would even out’*

*‘could shuttle buses be considered? For local patients to each site’*

*‘it is hope it would standardise care across Manchester which can only be a good thing allowing for high standards and quality’*