



JARGON BUSTER FOR USER GROUPS

DEFINITIONS	
User	Someone who uses or has used cancer services - as a patient, carer, relative or friend. They may also at times be a representative from a self-help or support group.
User Group	A group of users who work together in partnership to improve cancer services, both locally and nationally.
User Involvement	The involvement of users in any aspect of health service.
Locality User Group	There are currently seven locality groups, Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Wyre Forest, Mid Staffs, North Staffs, Shropshire & Mid Wales. Each meet within their local hospital areas.
Partnership Group	This is made up of a all chairs and vice chairs of the locality groups, Network Nurse Director, Lead Cancer Nurses, Service Improvement Lead and Facilitators
Primary Care Trust (PCT)	Is an administrative grouping of GP surgeries in an area, who at present are the buyers (commissioners) of NHS services for their population
Support Groups	A group of patients and carers who meet together for the purposes of supporting and helping each other to cope with their experience of cancer.
Greater Midlands Cancer Network (GMCN)	Collective decision making by agencies such as NHS Trusts, Commissioners, PCT's and can include patents to deliver co-ordinated services across the patient pathway. An organisational model for implementing targets set out in the NHS cancer plan. Can provide a solution to combined groups problems and achieve and deliver improved cancer services within the whole of a cancer network.
Acute Trust	Your local hospital grouping (may be one hospital, but is usually more than one), called acute because you are referred there for treatment beyond the scope of your GP

National Cancer Tsar	Currently Mike Richards, a Government Health Minister with special responsibility for cancer services.
INITIALS	
A.H.P.	Allied Health Professional. These consist of dieticians, physiotherapists, psychologists etc.,
B.M.E.	Black and Minority Ethnic
C.A.T.	Cancer Action Team
G.M.C.N.	Greater Midlands Cancer Network
C.I.U.	Cancer Intelligence Unit
C.N.S.	Clinical Nurse Specialist
C.S.U.F.	Cancer Services User Forum
I.O.G.	Improving Outcomes Guidance
L.A.	Local Authority
L.I.T.	Local Implementation Team
M.D.T.	Multi Disciplinary Team
N.H.S.	National Health Service
N.I.C.E.	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
N.S.S.G.	Network Site Specific Group
P.A.C.T.	Patient Advisory Cancer Team
P.A.L.S.	Patient Advice and Liaison Services
P.C.	Palliative Care
P.P.I.	Patient and Public Involvement
P.S.A.	Prostate Specific Antigen - blood testing for prostate cancer
S.I.F.	Services Improvement Facilitator
S.I.L.	Service Improvement Lead

S.H.A.	Strategic Health Authority - an administrative body responsible for aspects of health services in an area. They often evaluate the performance of other bodies.
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