

Shropshire & Mid Wales Cancer Service Users Forum

FEEDBACK REPORT FORM

This is the feedback of the individual user/s attending this group

Meeting attended : Prostate Cancer UK Quality Checklist launch

Date : 31st May 2013 – Birmingham.

Feed back presented by : Roger Fallon.

1.Intro – Drew Linden (Head of Policy and Campaigns)– outlined the aims of the launch. This is the 3rd session following London & Manchester.

To do better & improve the quality of care for men, throughout the UK, wherever they live. (Prostate cancer is currently the most common cancer in men and by 2030 they expect it to be the most common cancer.)

The checklist has been endorsed by several organisations and 120 MPs & councillors. They have funding and they aim to be quite aggressive in pushing this project.

2. Louise Jackson (Community Support Services Manager –Midlands).

Louise outlined her role, which is to develop & deliver support services to, for example:-

Existing hosp trusts.

Support groups

Clinical teams

Healthcare professionals

By way of - Activities, workshops and talks.

3. Stuart Watson (Prostate cancer survivor and volunteer)

Stuart was diagnosed in 2004 and spoke quite eloquently and passionately about his story and this launch.

We need to encourage men to take responsibility.

We need to drive home what we can reasonable expect or demand no matter where we live.

In 2014 there will be an update of the 2008 guidelines publication which will resemble this “quality checklist”.

Currently the whole process is a “bottom up” and needs to be changed to a “top down” process. This launch is part of that programme.

We need to push for what men need and indeed what they deserve.

4. Following Q&A session notes.

- Looking to see how men can be engaged in the process regardless of age.

- Aim to provide stands in shopping centres, events etc.
- GP practices need to be targeted.
- Aim to promote a national screening process for men.
- PCUK aim to be less passive in discussions with GPs and clinical specialists.
- There is a new leaflet coming out about DNA testing to see if men are carrying a gene which may then detect earlier signs of likelihood of prostate cancer.

Issues of general interest to the group

1. Is it worth a visit from Louise Jackson or one of her team to a forum meeting.
2. Looking at the number of local councillors at the meeting, albeit a national launch, is this something we should be looking at for our benefit, ie to help our cause?
3. How can we use this process to cover all cancer journeys within our region.
4. I made one or two contacts and now await “Resource pack” and “Toolkit”, which I will bring along hopefully to the next meeting.

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