

What is NICaN?

NICaN stands for Northern Ireland Cancer Network. We bring patients, carers and health care professionals together to work in partnership. Our aim is to:

- improve cancer care and cancer survival for the people of Northern Ireland
- ensure that people affected by cancer receive the best quality of treatment and care wherever they live in Northern Ireland.

What do we mean by Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)?

It means patients, carers and members of the public working with those involved in providing cancer services to improve the quality of those services.

Who can be involved?

Absolutely anyone – so, if you have received a diagnosis of cancer, have a family member or friend affected by cancer or are simply interested in working with us to shape the cancer services of tomorrow, then you can be involved.

Why is it important for you to be involved?

So that the real issues of importance to patients and their families are at the centre of cancer service development in Northern Ireland.

How can you help?

There are many different opportunities through which you can be part of shaping cancer services for Northern Ireland. Examples of how people have been involved to date include:

- discussing their experiences with health care professionals across Northern Ireland and sharing their ideas about how services can be improved
- working on a Directory of Cancer Services
- delivering training for health care professionals
- being part of a group to measure the usefulness of information leaflets given to patients
- organising conferences along with health care professionals for specific areas of cancer



Interested?

If you would like to find out more about PPI we would really like to hear from you. There are 3 ways in which you can contact us:

- Telephone the Regional Co-ordinator for Patient and Public Involvement
Tel: 028 9056 5860
- Via email at admin@nican.n-i.nhs.uk
- Post : complete the information below and post to the Regional Co-Ordinator for Patient and Public Involvement who will then contact you:

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