

Presentation to the Sussex Cancer Network Partnership Group

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Why are we here?

- Aims of the Sussex Cancer Network Partnership Group
- Where we started from
- Importance of engaging with patients
- Importance of improving the patient experience



What have we done so far?

- Our Patient and Public Involvement Strategy
- Dedicated support to listen to and learn from the patient's voice
- Improving our public involvement practice
- Communicating the value of involvement



What are our achievements?

- Working alongside professionals and breaking down ‘them and us’
- Patients are members of and contribute to key decision making groups
- Developed a range of really useful patient information
- Created the Exceptional Care Awards – now in the 3rd year
- Contribution to guidelines, strategies and service improvement projects
- Working with cancer professionals for continuous improvement



Commissioning Cancer Services

- **What is Commissioning?**

‘Commissioning is “the full set of activities that local authorities and Primary Care Commissioning in the NHS undertake to meet the needs of the population most effectively – not only today but also in the future’

The Commissioning Cycle:

- Planning Stage
- Buying Stage
- Checking Stage

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How we engage in West Sussex

- Our strategy in West Sussex is to engage the public in our commissioning process via three important levels:

County wide: Our public membership scheme

Local Level: Practice Based Commissioning

Practice Level: Patient Participation Groups (PPGs)



SCNPG and commissioning

- Our challenge now is to develop how we engage cancer patients in commissioning
- Begun by involvement in the National Cancer Action Team (NCAT) commissioning pilots across Sussex
but we need to go much further.....



Some questions.....

- How can SCNPG play a greater role in the commissioning process?
- How can we build on the work already started around the national pilots?
- How can the cancer patient's experience further enrich the three stages of the commissioning cycle?
- How can we all work more collaboratively and avoid duplicating our public engagement?