

Please Listen to Me

Specialist MDT Patient Impact statement

Whilst being part of the Gynaecology Cancer Pathway Board the two User Involvement representatives identified a need for the patient to have a voice in the specialist MDT. To let the SMDT know the immediate priorities of the individual patient and their family, so that these could influence the early planning stages of the individual patient's treatment. An example given by a patient who engaged in the development process was her need to delay her planned surgery date to 'get her house in order'.

The idea was developed over a number of discussions with MacMillan Service User Reps and Greater Manchester Gynaecology Cancer Board members, with the aim being to embed patient involvement in all aspects of their cancer care pathway, from pre-diagnosis. The document then began to take shape at a Macmillan User Involvement representative/Manchester Cancer event.

The Gynaecology Pathway Board follow-up sub group took the lead to develop the Patient Impact Statement. Patient Representatives, MacMillan User Involvement Team and Clinical Nurse Specialist, together, engaged with three Gynae cancer support groups in the Greater Manchester region, to gain feedback from women and their family/carers.

Each group was engaged in discussion and feedback regarding the proposed patient impact statement. The engagement was led by the two MacMillan Gynaecology Patient Representatives with MacMillan user involvement team support. The feedback was collated and shared with the support groups, the follow up Sub Group and Greater Manchester Cancer Gynaecology Pathway Board. Feedback from the support groups was that the patient impact statement:

- Supported the need for the Patient Voice in the Specialist MDT meeting
- That it was Important that the Patient had a choice to complete or not to complete
- Strengthened the importance of the Patient being heard at this stage and all stages of their pathway.

The general consensus being that the Patient Impact Statement name should be

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It was agreed that the key questions should be:

- **Please tell us about yourself and the people who are important to you**
- **What are you most worried about right now?**
- **What are the most important things for us to take into consideration about you, right now, when planning your care?** *(Your answer to this question will be included on the multi-disciplinary team meeting form, to inform decisions on planning your care.)*

The final draft was recently approved by the Pathway Board, has been uploaded to the computer system and will shortly be piloted and evaluated.

Co-production at its best