

How can I get involved?

There are loads of ways to get involved, and we try to be as flexible as possible to make sure everyone's voice can be heard.

We currently offer virtual and face to face options to suit you. No matter your needs, lifestyle or interests, we'll find a way for you to share your point of view.

Get in touch

Feel free to chat with us and find out how you can get involved.



Visit
gmcancer.org.uk/voices



Email
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We're shaping the future of cancer care.

Join the Greater Manchester Cancer Voices Community.

How you can help:

Share your story

You can share your experience of cancer on a podcast, or in a blog post. If you feel comfortable you could also speak at events and support training for clinical staff.

Tracey

Give feedback

We need to make sure the information we give to people is easy to understand. By reviewing written documents, you can make sure that we're communicating in a way that works for patients.

Co-create with us

Whether we're raising awareness or tackling a sensitive subject we want to put patients at the heart of the process. By sharing your point of view, you can help us create events, campaigns and training that makes a positive impact.

Advise us

Sitting on pathway boards or interview panels can help us get valuable insights into key decisions that will affect future patients care. You can also take part in working groups and creative workshops to help steer our work in the right direction.

What happens when I join?

If you join the community you'll enjoy a variety of opportunities to get involved but you'll also receive:

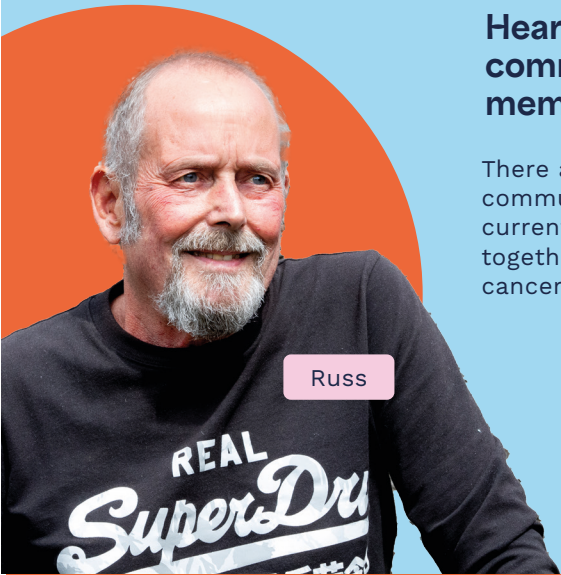
- * An induction, to make sure you're comfortable and confident sharing with us
- * Fortnightly newsletters to keep you updated on how you can participate
- * Invites to our Coffee and Cake events, where we can get together as a community

Our team are here to make sure that you feel supported in your role. That's why we're available over the phone, email, face-to-face for a catch up, or even over a text.

We'll do our best to provide you with support in a way that's best suited to you.

Once you register, you can participate as much or as little as you want. We always aim to improve with feedback from our members. You can leave anytime, but we hope you'll stay with us!

Maria



Russ

Hear from our community members

There are over 100 community members currently working together to help improve cancer care. Here's why:

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Involvement in this community is a chance to make a real impact. Every voice matters, and everyone who participates, no matter how much, can bring about change to make other people's cancer journeys better.

I joined the community to make a difference

in how cancer services are provided, to make my voice heard, and to advocate for others whose voices are not heard.

David

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I am a member because I believe it is important to share my views as a young BAME cancer survivor. My experience and opinions will be vital in making changes and improvements within cancer care in my community and city.

Maria



Farida

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Everyone's experience of cancer is a unique individual experience. If we share our experiences, each and every one of us can make a positive contribution towards finding new treatments, research projects, drugs and health care support.

It's not often in life that we get the opportunity to make a positive contribution to change and improve the lives of other people in the world.

My first grade 4 brain tumour gave me such an opportunity, by

enabling me to share my experiences of living a longer and better life beyond a negative prognosis.

Stephen

Want to know more first?

We'd be more than happy to help you work out if joining the community is something for you.

Just send us an email at: gmcancer.voices@nhs.net and we'll be in touch!



Mike

We know that no one knows cancer like the people that have had a diagnosis

That's why the Greater Manchester Cancer Voices Community works to connect people with real lived experience of the disease with the healthcare professionals working to improve services in the future.

Who can get involved?

You can volunteer as a Patient and Carer Representative if you:

- * Have had a cancer diagnosis, and or treatment
- * You have cared for someone with cancer (a friend or family member)

- * Diagnosis or treatment was within the Greater Manchester area

If you've experienced cancer or supported someone through it, your point of view can help improve cancer services.

You're the expert. We want to hear from you.

