



**Northern Ireland
Cancer Network**

Get involved

Personal and Public Involvement (PPI)



Working with the Northern Ireland
Cancer Network (NICaN) to improve
cancer care and cancer services
across Northern Ireland.

Who or what is NICaN?

The Northern Ireland Cancer Network (NICaN) is a regional Clinical Network. NICaN brings together individuals and organisations involved in cancer services across Northern Ireland, to plan, develop and improve cancer services.

NICaN is keen to ensure that the perspective of patients, family and carers are represented in this work. This enables us to ensure that the issues important to patients, their families and carers are at the centre of what we do.

To work towards the continuous improvement in cancer care and cancer survival for the people of Northern Ireland. NICaN aims to promote high quality, patient focused and clinically effective cancer services available to individuals across the province

What is PPI?

Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) brings together individuals whose lives have been affected by cancer (as patients, carers and members of the public) to work in partnership with healthcare professionals.

The vision of the Cancer Network is to have meaningful PPI across all aspects of cancer services so that:

- Feedback from patients can be used to inform service improvement
- Patients and carers will be involved in shaping and developing services and

- Patients and carers will be supported and prepared to fully engage as partners

At all times our aim is to ensure that PPI is effective and will make a difference.

The Role of a NICaN PPI Representative.

As a PPI representative you will work in partnership with health care professionals from all HSC Trusts to improve cancer services through;

- Attendance at working group meetings (up to 3-4 a year) including regional meetings.
- Highlighting issues which are important to patients and their families
- Proposing and influencing areas for change and contributing to policy development
- Participation in peer review of cancer services
- Reading material and feeding back comments
- Participation in training (as applicable)

What should you expect from NICaN?

- Support to undertake this role as confidently as possible
- Support and training as required and opportunities to share experiences with other PPI representatives at meetings or conferences
- Travel expenses will be covered

How do I get involved?

If you would like to get involved simply complete and return the short form below and return to the address below, or email nican.office@hscni.net

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