

The Changing Prospects for Cancer

New models of aftercare for those living with and beyond cancer.

The Lowry, Pier 8, Salford Quays



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The dust has settled following our “living with and beyond cancer” 2014 spring conference #changingprospects14, and as we prepare for another busy summer here in Manchester, we wanted to share some of the feedback we’d received and a brief “heads up” about our future plans.

Over 200 of you attended the event and we were delighted with the response!

Caught on film: A brief overview of the day, and maybe you can spot yourself in this short film: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdq96gtRbRw

The Changing Prospects for Cancer: New models of aftercare for those living with and beyond cancer - YouTube

...and a brief selection of comments from delegates:

- “A stimulating thought provoking day. I think the variation of formats worked well (i.e. film, a patient presenting, debate, panel and break out groups).”
- “This was the first Changing Prospects conference - and hopefully will be followed by others. This was a packed conference bringing together those who have, work with or commission services for those affected by cancer: essentially the right people in the room able to debate and discuss how best to support cancer care needs in the future.”
- “Excellent day – I would have like to hear more about alternative models to follow up and approaches to survivorship in other tumour groups – e.g. head & neck”
- “Really good! A lot in a day! Discussions were good – especially the alternative ways of presenting. It kept me really engaged.”
- “[The event] didn’t shy from the problems and challenges in this area. Well done!”
- “I just wanted to say thank you for inviting me to the Changing Prospects for Cancer conference at the Lowry... I thoroughly enjoyed it and felt that you had the right people in the right place to discuss all things cancer.”

Next Steps:

"What happens now? What do you do with today's knowledge & findings? [This event demonstrated that there are] pockets of excellence throughout the country. Best practice means coordinating, mapping, collaboration and participation, and ultimately commissioned services."

#changingprospects is committed to:

- An opportunity for organisations and individuals to share examples of best practice from across the UK and abroad.
- Debating the implications of the national agenda at a local level.
- Uncovering the potential controversies and facilitating the debate.

Your feedback on topics for our next event was also invaluable:

- "How can information technology can support the patient to live with and beyond cancer"
- "Not all cancers are the same – how might services differ between disease groups?"
- "The management of patients with advanced cancer, and those who are living with active disease in the longer term."
- "Motivational interviewing for patients living with or beyond cancer."
- "The legal perspective"

Over 90% of you indicated that you or your colleagues would be interested in attending a similar event.

With that in mind, planning will shortly start on **#changingprospects16**, provisionally scheduled for April 2016, and once again hosted by The University of Salford, The Christie School of Oncology and Macmillan Cancer Support.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

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