Radiation Oncology Patient Information Website project – consumer representatives

The Radiation Oncology service within the Canterbury Regional Cancer and Haematology Service is committed to continually improving the care and support we provide to our patients and whānau. To achieve this, we want to work in partnership with consumers to co-design content on our public-facing information website.

Our aim is to ensure that the information we provide is not only up to date, but also reflects the needs, preferences, and cultural values of the people who use our services.

Your insights will directly influence how we communicate with and support future patients and families.

By involving consumers in this process, we hope to:

* Identify gaps and priorities: understand what information patients, carers, and whānau find most helpful, and what is currently missing or unclear.
* Enhance accessibility: make sure the website is easy to navigate and that information is presented in a way that is understandable for people from all backgrounds and levels of health literacy.
* Promote cultural safety: ensure the content is culturally appropriate, respectful, and inclusive, particularly for Māori, Pacific, and other underrepresented groups.
* Empower patients and whānau: support people to feel informed, confident, and involved in their care by providing resources that are relevant to their experiences and questions.

**Who are we seeking?**

We are ideally looking for at least two people:

* Someone with lived experience in radiation oncology (as a patient, carer or whānau member).
* Someone who can represent the Māori voice.

We welcome expressions of interest from all backgrounds and especially encourage Māori and Pacific participants to apply.

We value the perspectives of everyone who expresses interest in this project. If you are not selected to participate, you will be invited to complete a short survey. This will give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences, ensuring your voice still helps shape the updated patient information website.

**What is the expected time commitment and how long does the project run?**

The project will run during November and December. Meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams or in person, depending on participant preference and location.

The total expected time commitment is approximately two hours:

* 30-minute initial consultation meeting to discuss the project and gather your input.
* One hour of reviewing website content offline.
* 30-minute follow-up meeting to review the final draft before it goes live.

**How will members be compensated for their time?**

Participation is voluntary and, unfortunately, we are unable to offer remuneration. For in-person meetings, we will provide a cup of tea and some home baking as a small token of appreciation.

**How to apply**

If you are interested in being part of this collaborative co-design project, you can either:
- [Complete the online form](https://hqsc.sharepoint.com/sites/dms-mho/Planning/Programme%20plans/2025-26%20Deliverables/Consumer%20Opportunities%20EOIs%20%28SPE%207%29/2025-26/Canterbury%20Regional%20Cancer%20and%20Haematology%20Service%20-%20Radiation%20Oncology%20Information%20Website%20project/Complete%20the%20online%20form)
- Complete the attached form and email to alexandra.svoboda@cdhb.health.nz

Please submit your expression of interest by Friday 31 October.

**Further information**

[Please view the current website](https://info.health.nz/locations/canterbury/cancer-service-canterbury/radiation-oncology-canterbury).

If you have any questions please contact Alex Svoboda: alexandra.svoboda@cdhb.health.nz.