**Nutrition and Cancer NIHR infrastructure Collaboration**

**NCRI Psychosocial Oncology and Survivorship Clinical Studies Group Presentation on 8 June 2016**

The need to engage PPI across different patient groups was identified at the NIHR Cancer and Nutrition Workshop in February 2016. It had been agreed that a set of slides would be made available on the website for use in order to raise the profile of the collaboration to a wider audience

One of the opportunities for engagement was a presentation to the NCRI POS CSG at its recent meeting on 8 June, 2016.

Following the presentation there was an opportunity for discussion during which several issues were raised:

* With regard to the patient survey, there were questions about the number of responses gathered as evidence and why only three cancer types were included? I suggest that the patient survey might be regarded as more of a sounding board or as focus group rather than a major survey.
* Would there be a more extensive patient survey scheduled as evidence? There was certainty that charities would be enthusiastic to participate. For example a colleague from Marie Curie would offer support in promoting a survey and the work of the collaboration.
* In the work of the collaboration it will be important to consider how patients want to receive information, at what point in their journey and the kinds of mechanism to be used.
* There was awareness in the group that there are PhD students whose work has a focus on nutrition in relation to Colorectal Cancer. There may be an opportunity for involvement.
* There may be opportunities for POS CSG subgroups to offer support.
* The CSG was interested to receive this information.

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