

Information Sheet for Participants
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Study Title: Exploring the needs of men during the early detection of cancer.

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Before you give your consent to participate in the research it is important that you understand why the research is being conducted and what you will be asked to do. Please take time to read the following information sheet and discuss it with others if you wish. **You are under no obligation to participate in the study and it is entirely up to you whether you decide to take part in the study or not.**

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to gain an understanding of how men feel during the waiting period before a diagnosis of cancer or whilst undergoing surveillance for cancer. The aim of the project is to explore what needs men have during the early detection stage of cancer. The study also aims to explore men's wellbeing and quality of life during the pre-diagnosis stage. We hope that the information we gain will help us to use this information to develop resources and provide support for men in this early detection stage.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been contacted as you have either undergone testing for cancer or have had a cancer diagnosis and currently attend a support group.

What are you asking of me?

We would like you to take part in a telephone interview to discuss your experience of the early detection period. Interviews will last approximately 45 minutes. The interviews will be audio taped for the purpose of producing a verbatim (word-for-word) transcript. All information provided will be anonymised and kept confidential so your responses will be unidentifiable.

Who will have access to the recording and transcript of the interview?

Only the researcher (Anna Lynall) will have access to the recording. The sound file will be stored on a password protected computer at Coventry University and deleted in January 2019. The researcher, supervisors and assessors will have access to fully transcribed anonymised interviews. The transcripts will be stored in a locked filing cabinet at the Coventry University and only the study researchers will have access to this information.

How will you protect my anonymity and that of other people I might mention?

You will be asked to pick a pseudonym (a false name) for yourself and any patients, colleagues or significant others (e.g. friends) that you mention during the interview. This means that your identity will remain fully anonymous. Only the researcher will know your identity.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes. This study will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and your participation will be kept confidential. Only members of the research team will have access to the data. All the consent forms will be stored in a separate, secure (locked) location from the data itself. You will only be identified by your pseudonym. Any data which may identify you will be locked in a secure filing cabinet and no identifiable information will be included in any report or publication relating to this study.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

We are not aware of any risks to you in taking part. We are however aware that there is the possibility that some people may feel upset discussing cancer. However, we will provide you with a useful contact number for Macmillan Cancer Support, an organisation you can speak to if you require further support (see contact details).

What if something goes wrong?

If you change your mind about taking part in the programme you can withdraw at any point. You can email, telephone or write to me (see Anna Lynalls contact details). If you have a concern about any aspect of this research,

please speak to the researchers at Coventry University who will do their best to answer your questions (See Anna Lynall's contact details). You can also contact Professor Andrew Turner (see contact details). Coventry University has comprehensive public liability insurance to cover negligent harm. Coventry University's insurers do not automatically provide non-negligent indemnity cover. In those circumstances where non-negligent cover is advised or is essential, cover will be sought on a case to case basis.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The anonymised input to the research will be used for research purposes (publications and conferences) and will inform future research, and the development of resources, to provide support for men in the early detection stage of cancer.

What happens if I have any further questions or concerns?

If you have any further questions or concerns about your participation in this research you can contact Anna Lynall by telephone 07814 369402 or email lynalla@uni.coventry.ac.uk. You can also contact Professor Andrew Turner by email hsx116@coventry.ac.uk or by post at 4th Floor, Richard Crossman Building, Centre for Technology Enabled Health Research (CTEHR), Faculty of Health & Life Sciences, Coventry University, Priory Street, CV1 5FB.

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