### Community Partnerships

Supporting and working with community groups and clubs to promote a deeper understanding of local health and care needs and experiences

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# **Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance**

## The Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance work to improve the outcomes and experience for cancer patients in Surrey and Sussex.

Together with their partners, they want:

- Fewer people getting cancer through prevention, such as smoking cessation advice and support
- More people surviving cancer, with cancer diagnosed earlier and patients given the best treatment
- More people having a good experience of their treatment and care, with faster diagnosis and support throughout the process
- More people supported to live as well as possible after treatment has finished.

They are part of a network of 29 cancer alliances in England who work to achieve the commitments for improving cancer set out in the **NHS Long Term Plan**.

The key ambitions are:

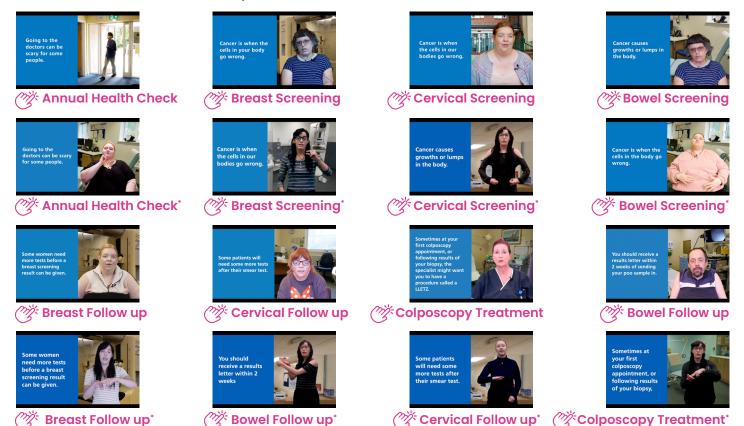
- by 2028, the proportion of cancers diagnosed at stages 1 and 2 will rise from around half now, to three-quarters of cancer patients; and
- from 2028, 55,000 more people each year will survive their cancer for at least five years after diagnosis.

They bring together people who work in cancer or with cancer patients – from consultants, nurses, GPs and social care staff, to academics, voluntary staff and patient representatives – to improve diagnosis, care and treatment in our local area.

The work covers prevention and early diagnosis, through to aftercare and end of life care. Working on both national and local initiatives, such as the national 28-day faster diagnosis standard and local cancer screening projects.

### Information videos

The Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance worked on a specific project for people with learning disabilities and devised lived experience videos.



#### **Contact information**

Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance are interested to recruit cancer patient support groups', cancer charities and cancer patients onto their Voluntary and Community Sector forum.

Contact details: rsch.sscaadmin@nhs.net or website.

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#### For help, advice, and information or to share your story

If you use GPs and hospitals, dentists, pharmacies, care homes or other support services, we want to hear about your experiences. We have the power to make sure NHS leaders and other decision makers listen to your feedback and improve standards of care. We also help people to find reliable and trustworthy information and advice.



Last year, we helped nearly a million people like you to have your say and get the support you need.



If you are setting up or would like to share news of a similar project we would be interested to hear from you. Please contact Cheryl Berry, Community Partnership Lead: cheryl.berry@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk

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