



Express interest in taking part in a Blood Cancer Action Plan Focus Group

Blood Cancer UK is developing a Blood Cancer Action Plan, a landmark policy report developed by people affected by blood cancer and experts. The report will explore what differences exist in survival and work to understand what needs to change to improve survival for people with blood cancer in the UK.

Part of the development of this Action Plan is exploring delivery of care: how the clinical workforce care for people with blood cancer and how people with blood cancer experience that care.

As part of this, we're looking to run two focus groups in late January/early February 2024 with 10-12 adults living with chronic and acute blood cancer or caring for an adult with blood cancer.

Eligibility

Would you like to take part and share your experience blood cancer care in the UK? To get involved, check if you match what we're looking for:

- You're an adult who has received a blood cancer diagnosis in the last four years OR you care for an adult who has received a blood cancer diagnosis in the last four years
- Live in the UK – we're looking for people to join from across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales
- Be able to join an online meeting for 90 minutes in late January or early February

You don't need any prior experience at taking part in focus groups to get involved but you would need to be open to sharing your experience in a small group, including with other people with blood cancer. One of our Support Services Nurses will run the session and our dedicated [Support Services](#) will be able to support you before, during and after the session.

If you're not eligible we would love you to share this opportunity with someone you know who might be.



Payment for your involvement

If selected, we'd like to offer you payment for sharing your knowledge, experiences and perspective as someone affected by blood cancer with us to shape our work. You will be compensated for your time with a £75 cash payment. It's important to seek advice about how accepting payment might affect any welfare benefits you receive. We will send you guidance around this and where to seek advice if you are selected.

Apply to get involved

If you want to get involved, please email involvement@bloodcancer.org.uk for an expression of interest form. You can also direct any questions you have about taking part or applying to this same email address. We want the focus groups to include a wide range of voices from across the UK, so if you apply to take part, we can't guarantee you will be selected but we will always get back to you either way.

If selected, your voice will be used to inform recommendations made in the Blood Cancer Action Plan. The focus group will be recorded for note-taking purposes only. We may quote things you say in the focus group but any quotes will be attributed to the focus group you attended, unless you ask or we agree with you otherwise.