



The MSRG programme and Wessex Cancer Alliance: working in partnership

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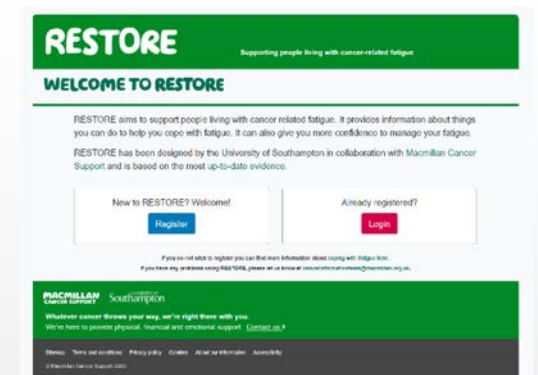
MSRG Programme



ENABLE
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF
SELF-MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
IN PEOPLE LIVING WITH CANCER

CREW
Understanding the recovery and wellbeing
of those affected by colorectal cancer

HORIZONS
Understanding the impact of cancer
diagnosis and treatment on everyday life



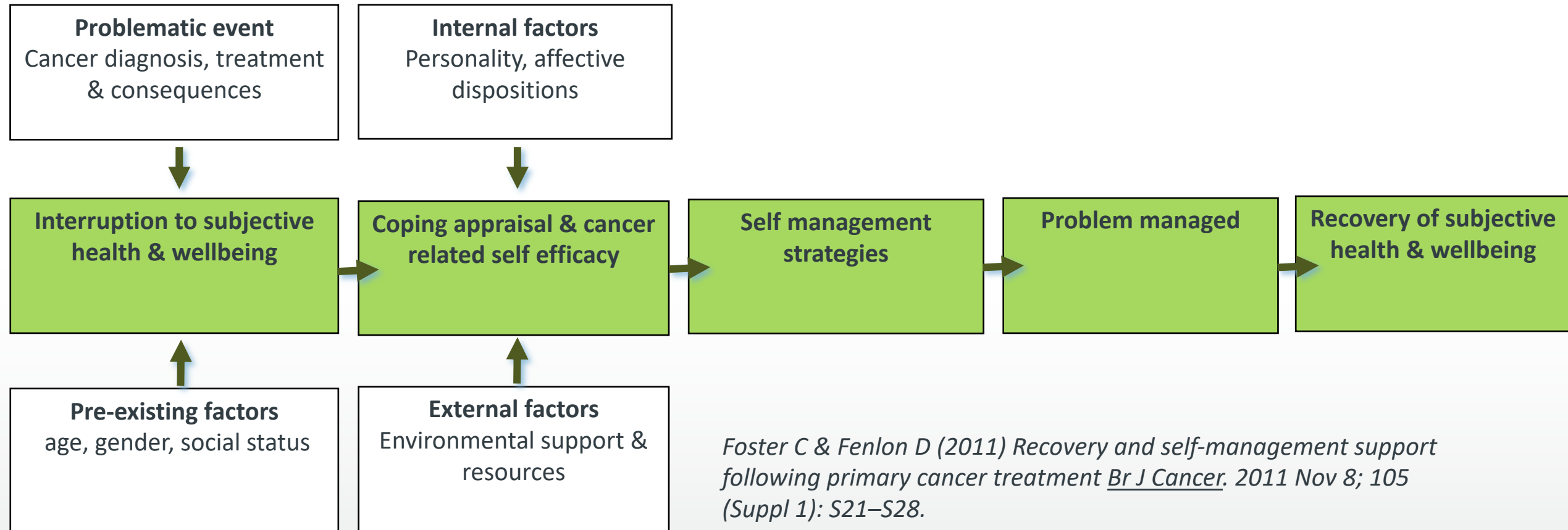
Research Programme Focus

1. Understanding impact of cancer and treatment on everyday lives
2. Co-creating and testing self-management support to manage the impact of cancer/treatment

Underpinned by user involvement and representation from those typically underrepresented in research



Theoretical framework



Working together



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Impact of COVID-19 sub-study

Research Question: What is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patients and carers living with cancer that is treatable but not curable?

Method: Phone interviews (March-May 2020) using a topic guide, with an opportunistic sub-sample, recorded and transcribed

Participants: 12 Patients (10 male) diagnosed with myeloma, prostate cancer and ovarian cancer, all advised to shield. 9 carers (8 female), Patients and carers aged 40-78

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/msrg/ourresearch/macmillan-supported-self-management-study.page>



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Identifying patient needs at diagnosis which impact long term health and well-being: findings from CREW and HORIZONS

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CREW

Understanding the recovery and wellbeing
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ColoREctal Wellbeing (CREW) Study Objectives

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1. Plot natural history of recovery of health & well-being
2. Investigate whether/how health needs change over time
3. Explore what influences recovery of health & well-being & determine who is most at risk of poor/protracted recovery

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Personalising care for
people with bowel cancer

Key findings from the Colorectal Wellbeing (CREW) study

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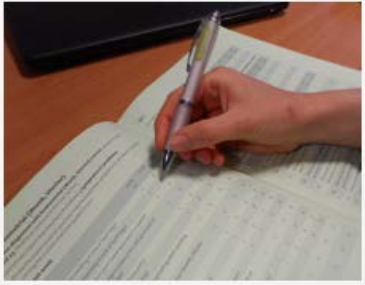


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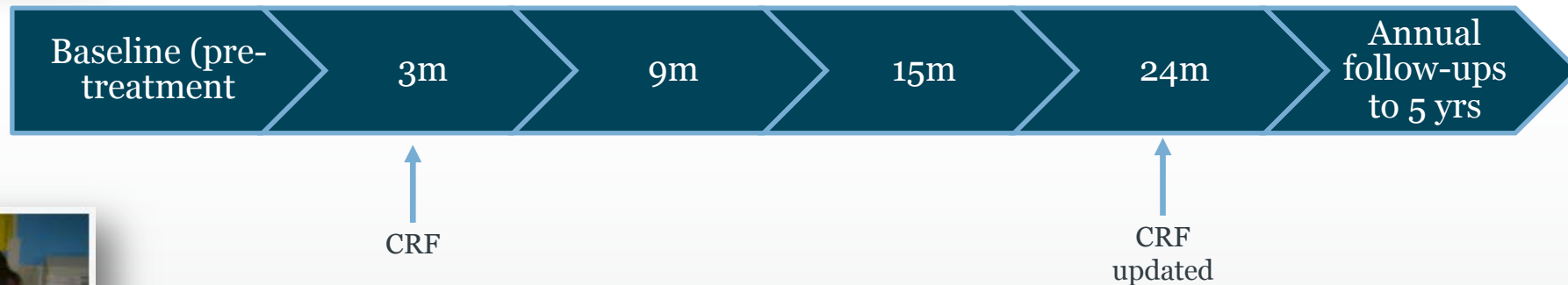
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Data collection



Questionnaires: validated Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs), sociodemographic and socioeconomic questions, and open-ended questions



Case Report Forms (CRFs): clinical information from medical records including diagnosis, treatment, recurrence

Fenlon et al. (2012). *BMC Health Serv Res*, 12: 90

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Study design and sample

Prospective,
longitudinal
cohort study of
1,000 CRC
patients

29 hospitals
across England,
Wales, Scotland

Questionnaire
response rate
71-88%

Mean age 67 yrs
(range 32-95).
57% male

Awaiting primary
curative intent
surgery (Dukes'
stage A-C)

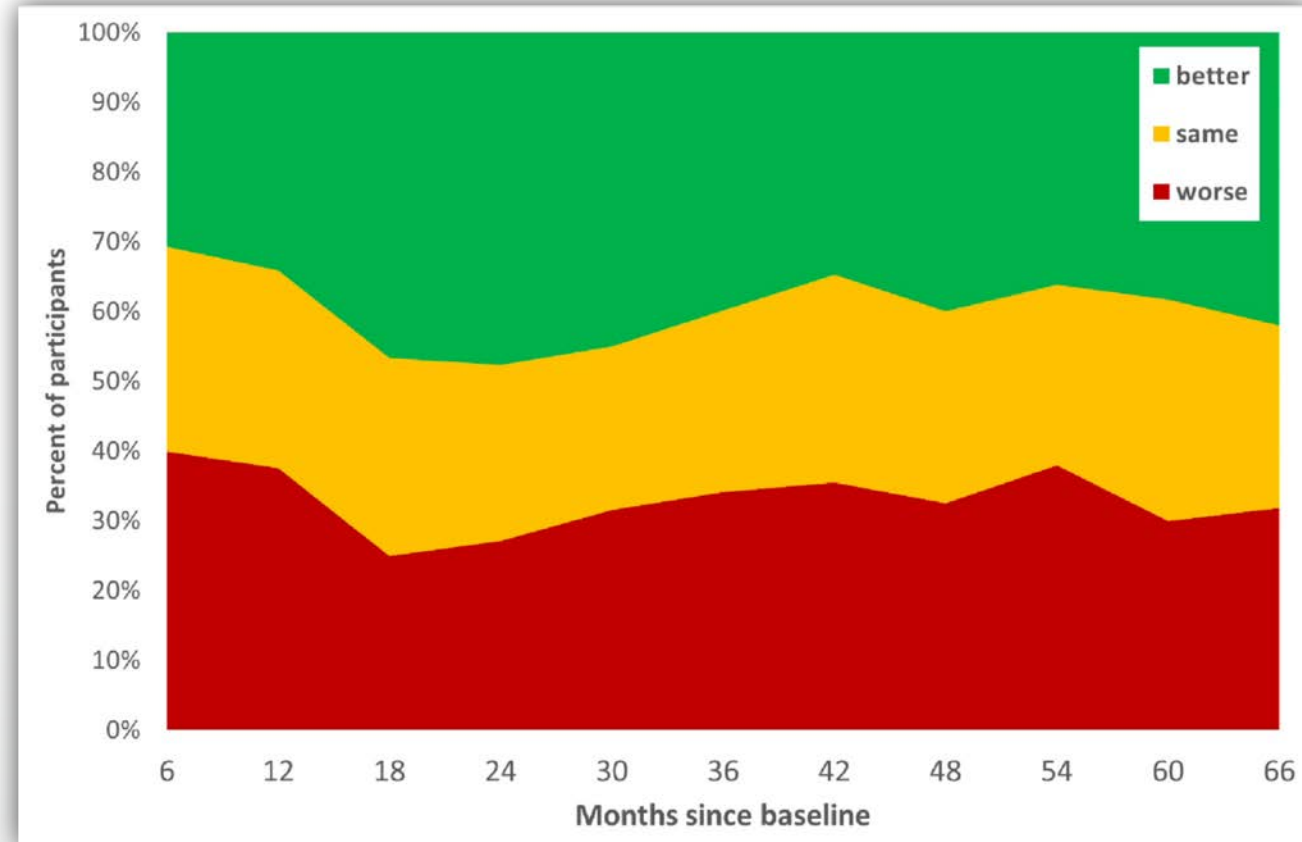
Recruitment Nov
2010-March 2012

Minimum dataset
on 91% of all
eligible people

65% colon; 35%
rectal. 36% had a
stoma (most
temporary)

Recovery of health and wellbeing

- Around 70% recover well. Around 30% do less well, and this is still the case 5 years after surgery
- **Psychosocial factors** as important as stage at diagnosis for long-term recovery of health and wellbeing
- **Depression and low self-efficacy** (confidence to self-manage) **at diagnosis** were the most consistent predictors of poor health & wellbeing outcomes



Changes in quality of life (QLACS-GSS) compared to baseline

Wheelwright et al. (2020). *Plos One*, 15 (4)

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Self-efficacy



Percent with low self-efficacy

'I am surprised that my overall level of confidence has diminished over time – I thought the opposite would happen as I became more knowledgeable about the disease and more “experienced” in knowing what to do. With time my confidence seems to have been progressively eroded.'

CREW Participant

Grimmett et al. (2017). *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*, 11 (5): 634-642.

RESTORE

Supporting people living with cancer-related fatigue

[Home](#) [SMART goals](#) [Fatigue scores](#)

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RESTORE helps you plan and set simple goals to manage your fatigue. Evidence from research shows that keeping a record of your goals will help you manage your fatigue better.

RESTORE is split into 5 sections. You do not need to complete all of these at once.

Click on 'Home' at any time to return to this page.

We suggest completing one section each week. If you feel tired, you can take a break and come back where you left off.

What would you like to do today?

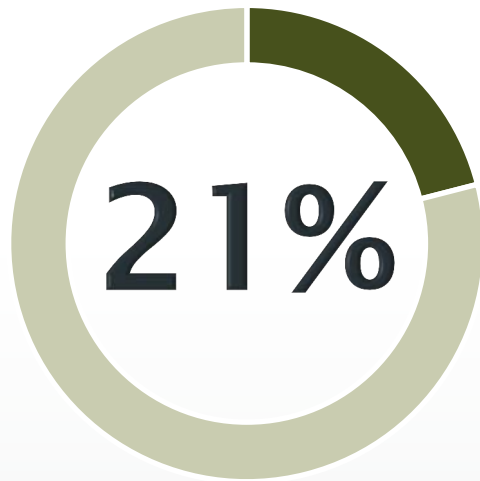
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1. [About fatigue](#) - you have completed this section but may repeat it
2. [Setting goals](#) - you have completed this section but may repeat it
3. [Work, home and lifestyle](#) - you have completed this section but may repeat it
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5. [Talking to others](#) - you have completed this section but may repeat it

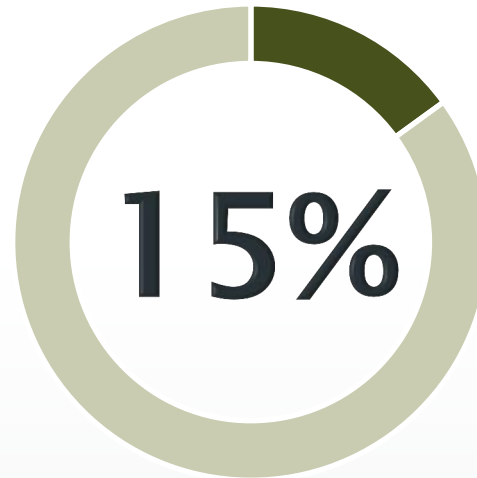
We welcome feedback on this resource. If you have any, please [click here](#) to complete our short survey.

Depression

Percent scoring above cut-off for clinically significant levels of depression on the CES-D



At diagnosis



At 5 years

Compared with 3% in general population (best estimate)

Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D), NIMH

Below is a list of the ways you might have felt or behaved. Please tell me how often you have felt this way during the **past week**. Circle **one** number on each line.

	During the Past Week			
	Rarely or none of the time (less than 1 day)	Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)	Occasionally or a moderate amount of time (3-4 days)	All of the time (5-7 days)
1. I was bothered by things that usually don't bother me	0	1	2	3
2. I did not feel like eating; my appetite was poor	0	1	2	3
3. I felt that I could not shake off the blues even with help from my family or friends	0	1	2	3
4. I felt I was just as good as other people	0	1	2	3
5. I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing	0	1	2	3
6. I felt depressed	0	1	2	3
7. I felt that everything I did was an effort	0	1	2	3
8. I felt hopeful about the future	0	1	2	3
9. I thought my life had been a failure	0	1	2	3
10. I felt fearful	0	1	2	3
11. My sleep was restless	0	1	2	3
12. I was happy	0	1	2	3
13. I talked less than usual	0	1	2	3
14. I felt lonely	0	1	2	3
15. People were unfriendly	0	1	2	3
16. I enjoyed life	0	1	2	3
17. I had crying spells	0	1	2	3
18. I felt sad	0	1	2	3
19. I felt that people dislike me	0	1	2	3
20. I could not get "going"	0	1	2	3

Calman et al. Manuscript in preparation

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Chronic conditions hinder recovery for a quarter of bowel cancer patients



Research findings are from the ColoREctal Wellbeing (CREW) Study. For more information please visit <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/msrg/ourresearch/macmillan-crew-cohort/macmillan-crew-cohort.page> or access the published research article online at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/pon.4845>

Cummings et al. (2018). *Psycho-oncology*, 27 (10): 2427-2435

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Co-morbidities

- 72% had a co-morbidity
- 27% had a co-morbidity which impaired everyday life & resulted in lower QOL
- Mental health co-morbidities had most negative impact.

Social support



Low & declining social support associated with poor mental health & low QOL

Perceived social support declined in 30% of participants

Haviland et al. (2017). *Psycho-oncology*, 26 (12): 2276-2284

Unmet needs

25% of CREW participants reported at least one moderate/severe unmet need 15 months and 2 years after surgery

Unmet needs most commonly physical (e.g. pain) or psychological (e.g. anxiety)

Unmet needs associated with poorer QoL

Sodergren et al. (2019). *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*, available online

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Who is at risk of poor outcomes and is therefore most in need of support?
People with...

Depression

Low confidence
to manage
illness-related
problems

Comorbidities
impairing
everyday life

Unmet needs

Insufficient
social support

Conclusions and recommendations

1. People who are at risk of poor health and wellbeing outcomes can be identified pre-treatment
2. Psychosocial factors are as important as disease stage for personalised care and should inform stratified pathways of care
3. Holistic needs assessments (HNAs) should be carried out from diagnosis onwards & used to develop care plans which are regularly reviewed
4. HNAs should assess confidence to manage illness-related problems, include screening for depression and an assessment of whether comorbidities impact daily life
5. Continue to review needs over time & signpost to resources to support self-management

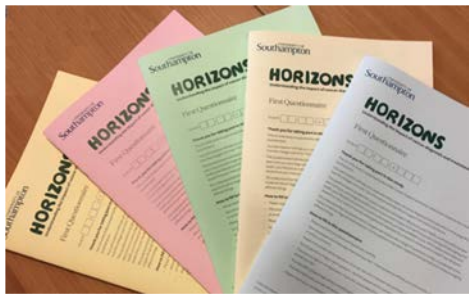
Study Questions

CI: Prof Claire Foster

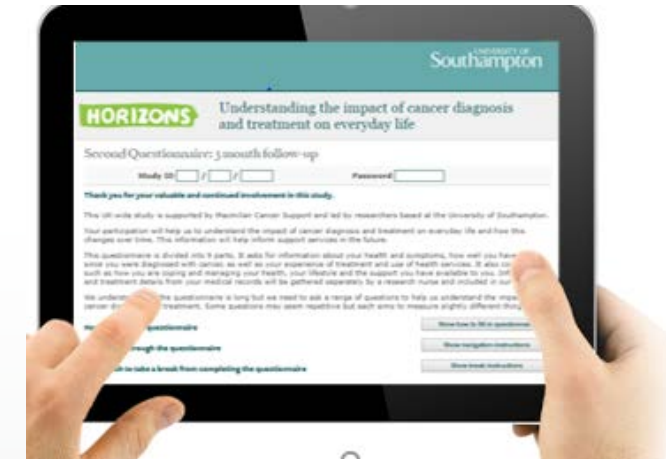
1. What impact does cancer and its treatment have on people diagnosed with cancer in the short, medium and long term?
2. What are the health outcomes, experiences and self-management activities over the life-course and what influences these?
3. How do people connect with and mobilise resources that help them self-manage consequences of cancer and its treatment?

Data collection

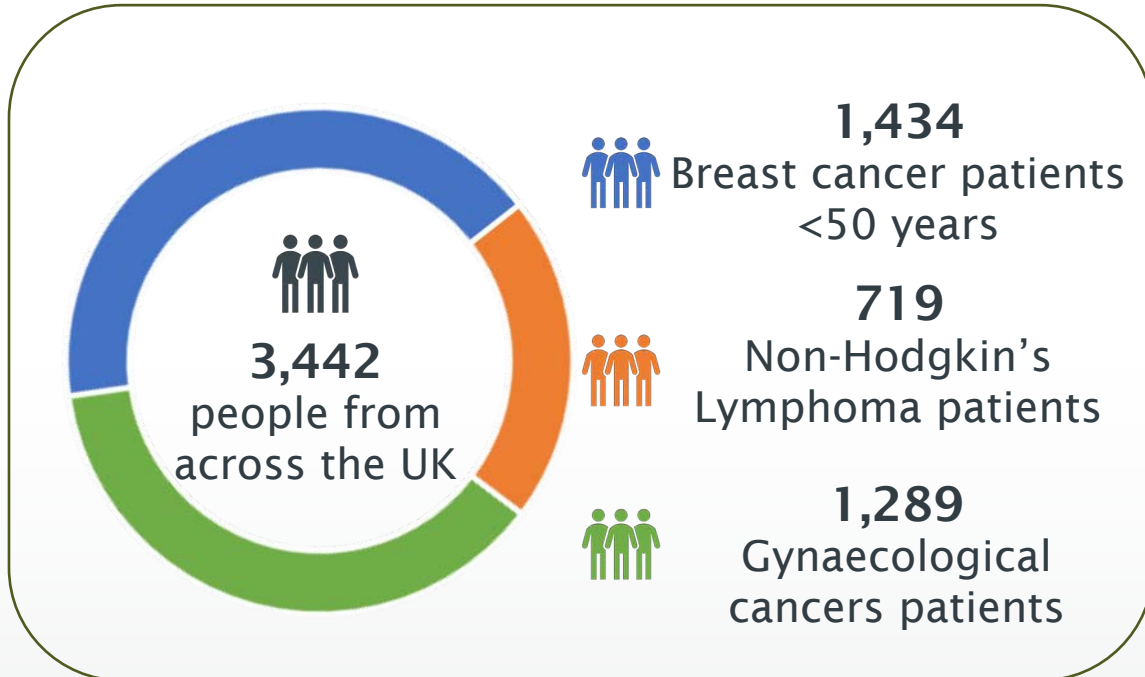
- **Questionnaires:** validated Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs), sociodemographic and socioeconomic questions, and open-ended questions



- **Case Report Forms (CRFs):** Clinical information from medical records including diagnosis, treatment, recurrence, co-morbidities, etc



HORIZONS Participants

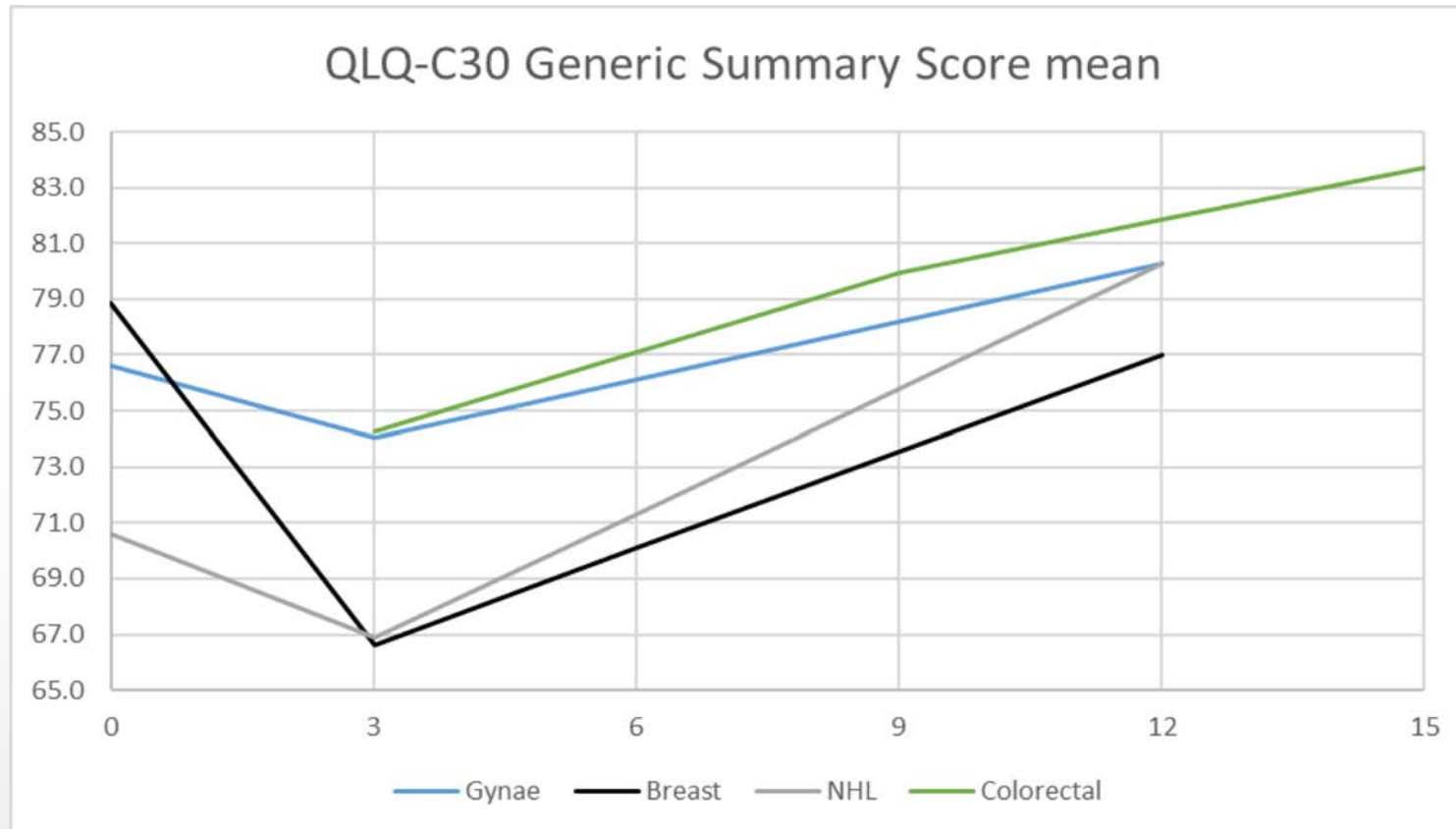


- Experiencing a variety of treatment and recovery pathways.
- Have various important, specific concerns e.g. future fertility, impact on work, body image.
- Giving a voice to people with less common cancers

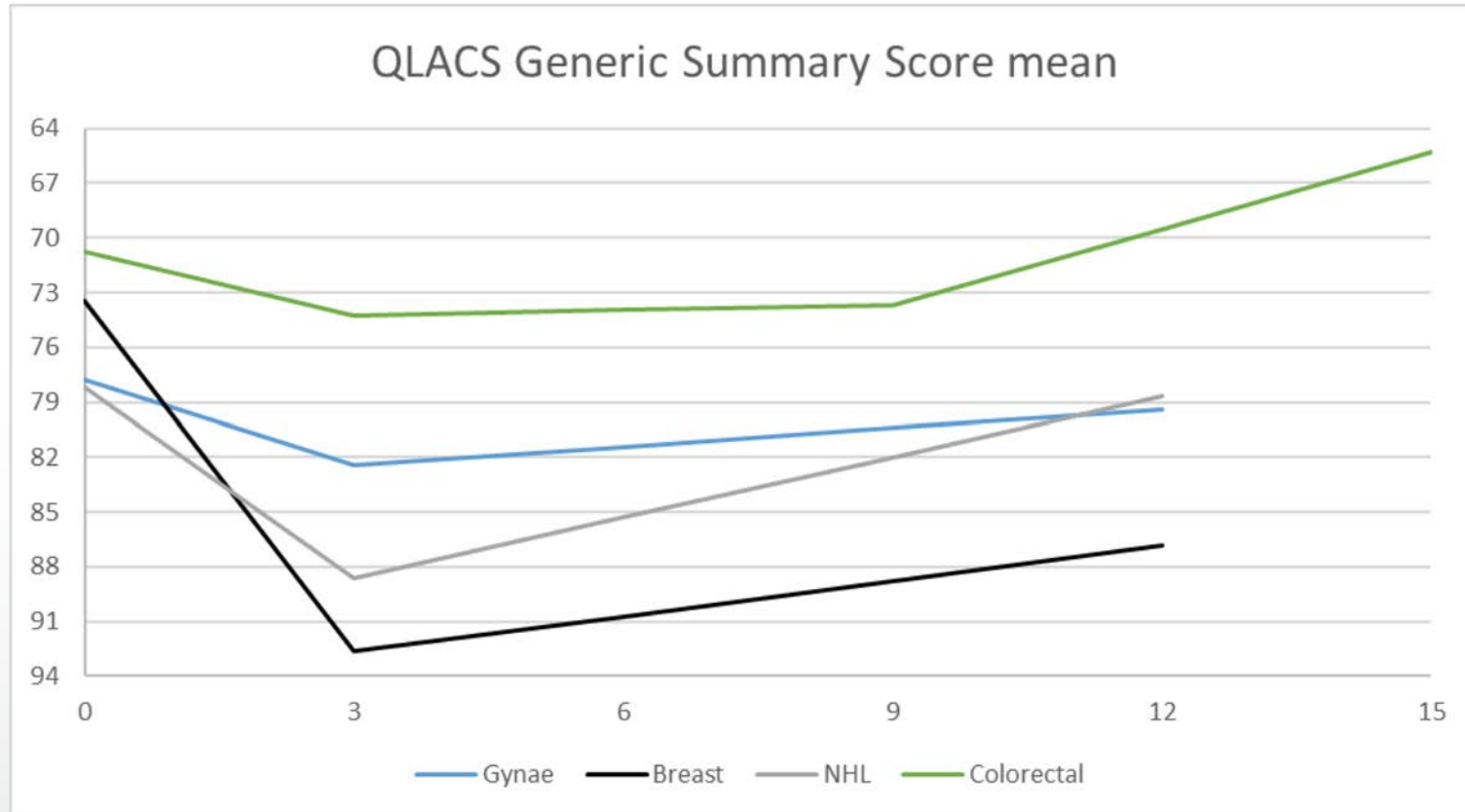
Emerging baseline findings

- HORIZONS cohorts report worse quality of life than CREW participants
- More HORIZONS participants report high levels of anxiety and/or depression (pre COVID-19)
- NHL and gynaecological cohorts are particularly vulnerable in terms of quality of life, anxiety and depression
- More HORIZONS participants report lower confidence to self-manage than CREW participants

HORIZONS: mean summary scores for QLQ-C30 over time



HORIZONS: mean summary scores for QLACS over time



Data Access

We welcome requests for access to the CREW database from researchers and others. For details, see www.horizons-hub.org.uk/access_data.html

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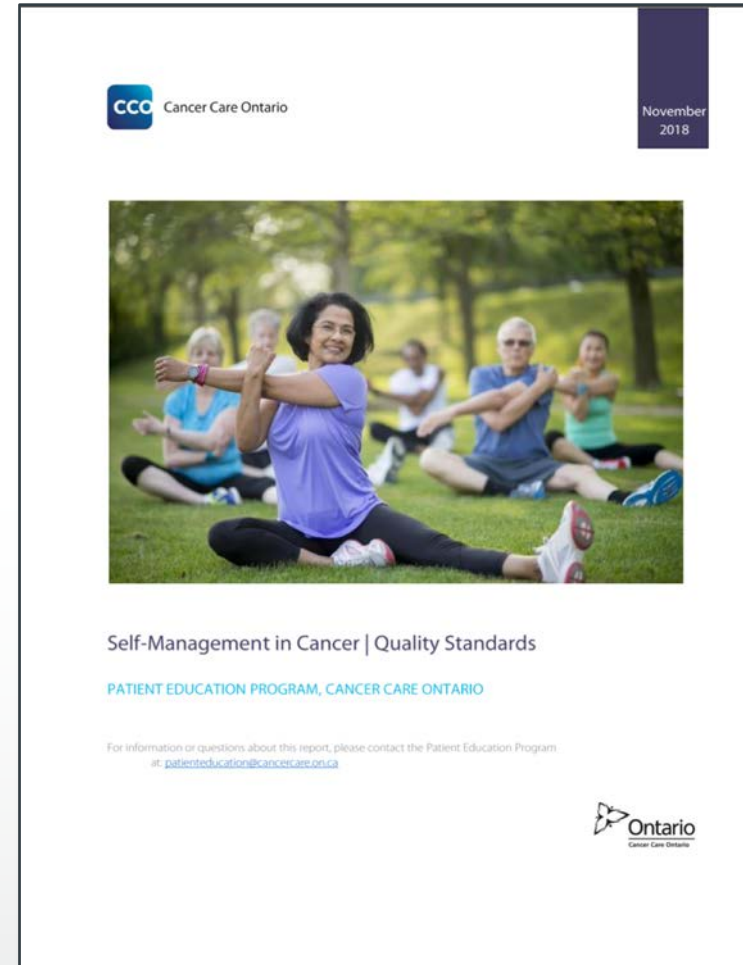
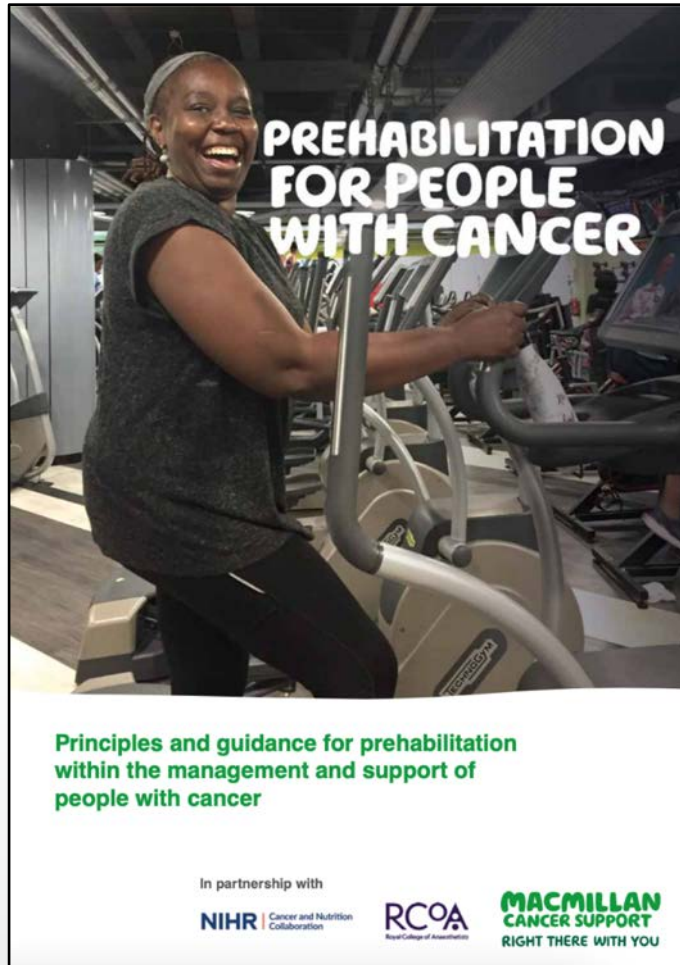
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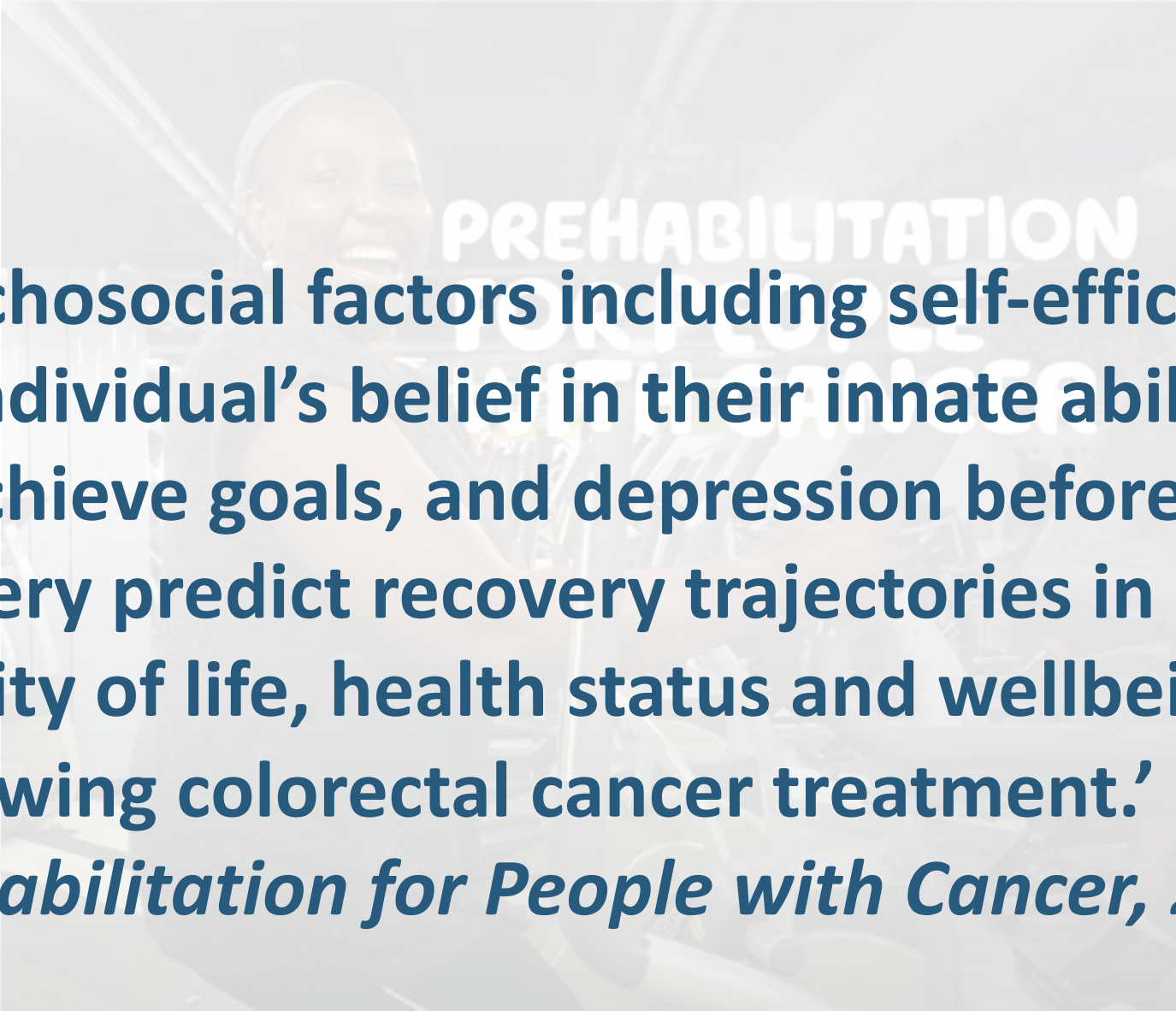
Delivering integrated personalised care and workforce development: key findings from WCA evaluations

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Uptake of MSRG findings



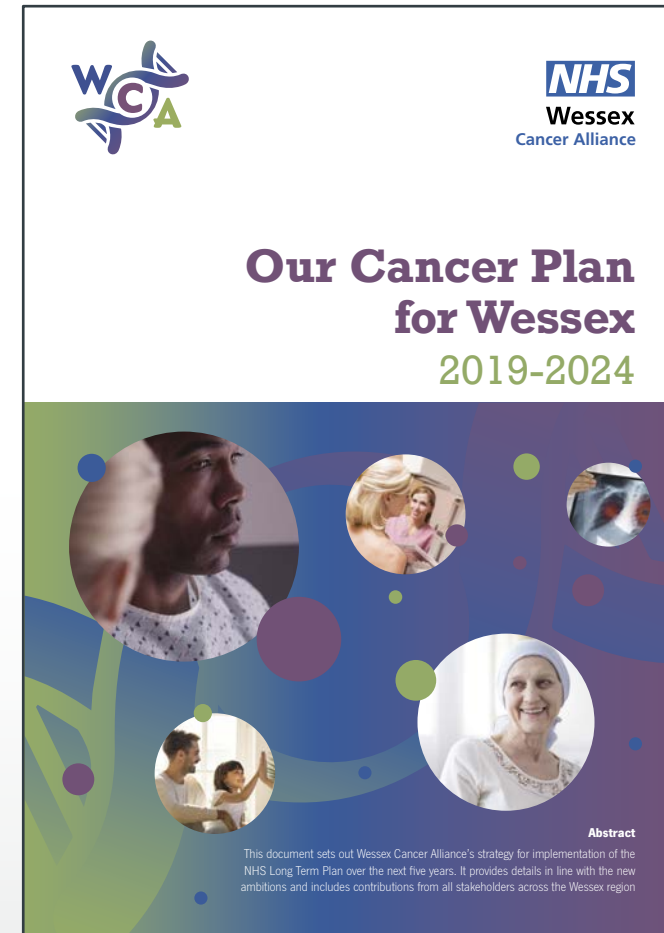


‘Psychosocial factors including self-efficacy, an individual’s belief in their innate ability to achieve goals, and depression before surgery predict recovery trajectories in quality of life, health status and wellbeing following colorectal cancer treatment.’
Prehabilitation for People with Cancer, 2019

Wessex Cancer Alliance

Committed to:

- personalised treatment and care
- effective health service
- developing workforce
- a firm evidence-base to service innovation



Evaluation Programme

Improving Access to CNSs + Key Workers

Cancer Nursing Across Boundaries

Patient Activation Measure

Right by You Wessex

Patient Activation Measure II

Improving Access to CNSs and Key Workers

Context

- National shortage of CNSs
- Greater complexity of CNS role, high demand on time
- New service models recommended

Intervention

- Incorporating CSWs into specialist nursing teams.
- 2 Band 4 CSWs introduced to GI cancer nursing team at University Hospital Southampton



Improving Access to CNSs and Key Workers

Findings

- Introducing CSWs resulted in a positive impact on access to
 - assessment and care planning
 - community support services
 - practical and financial support
 - health and wellbeing advice and support
- Following the introduction of CSW, patients more likely to report
 - being given contact details of a key worker
 - the wider healthcare team worked well together

Improving Access to CNSs and Key Workers

However

- Introducing roles is a carefully managed process, requiring support to nursing teams to establish clear roles and responsibilities
- CSW roles cannot fully mitigate the impact of CNS vacancies, due to the differing nature of roles

Impact

- Led directly to the creation of 11 permanent CSW posts at UHS

Cancer Nursing Across Boundaries

Project aim

- To deliver personalised care for people living with and beyond cancer through effective, integrated primary and secondary care

Intervention

- Boundary spanning postholder:
 - 0.8 FTE to work with 11 general practices
 - Training and development
 - Specialist advice and support
 - Liaison between primary and acute care



Service delivery model

Primary Care
Engagement

Suite of Options

Training Needs
Analysis

ID learning
needs practice
nurses/Cancer
CNS

Single point of
contact for
cancer queries

Building
relationships
Acute/Primary
care

PDSA cycles
areas of
improvement
pathways



Emerging Findings

Example of integrated care

- Practice nurse contacted CNS, concerned about a newly diagnosed patient. CNS facilitated financial support and counselling at Macmillan Centre

Results through relationships

- *‘My role built relationships with practice nurses. I made secondary cancer care accessible to them. They taught me about what practice nurses do and long term condition management... In exchange, I talked about cancer care in a non-threatening way... It was a real exchange of knowledge about each other’s roles with the patient at the centre.’*

Post COVID 3 month project pause

Online learning scoping

- Reviewing online & e-learning modules/courses related to project
- Grouping in accredited & CPD certified platforms
- Reviewing course content and applicability for primary care TNAs
- Reviewing own module resources and launching online e-learning

Creating e-learning content

- Agree content with stakeholders
- Develop course content
- Plan delivery and administration

Provide e-learning content

- Free hour long webinars delivered by Teams to ALL staff
- Slides and recordings circulated
- Document of attendance

Right by You Wessex

Intervention aim:

- to develop an integrated personalised care model that maximises patient outcomes, experience, health and wellbeing
- boundary spanning CNSs and CSWs core to the model



Intervention

- A supported conversation to be held as close to the point of diagnosis as possible in the secondary, primary or community setting, and then as often as required, using Chat & Plan.
- A holistic needs assessment to be completed if appropriate
- Development of a personalised care plan, co-created with the individual
- Navigation to the right support for the individual, helping people access the services and support they need
- Sharing appropriate information with the person living with cancer

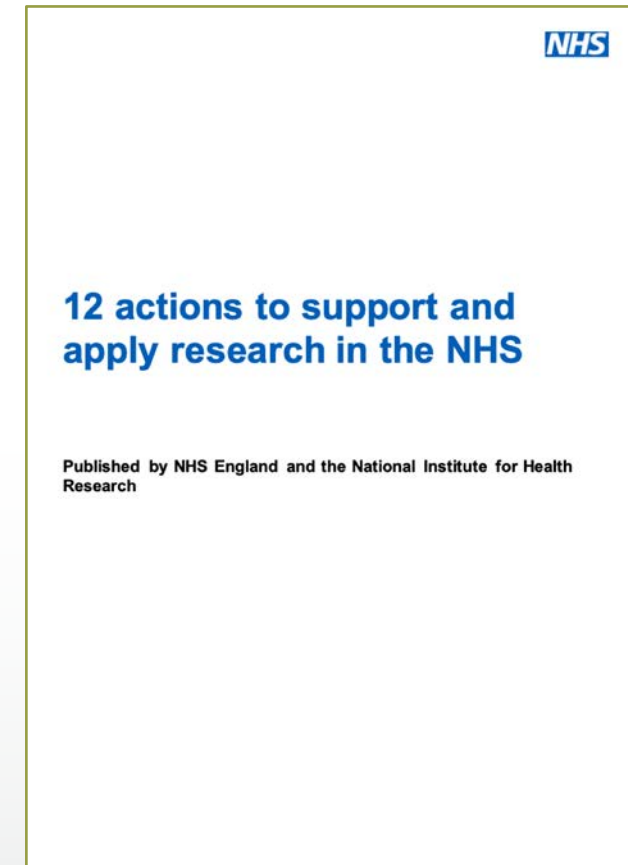
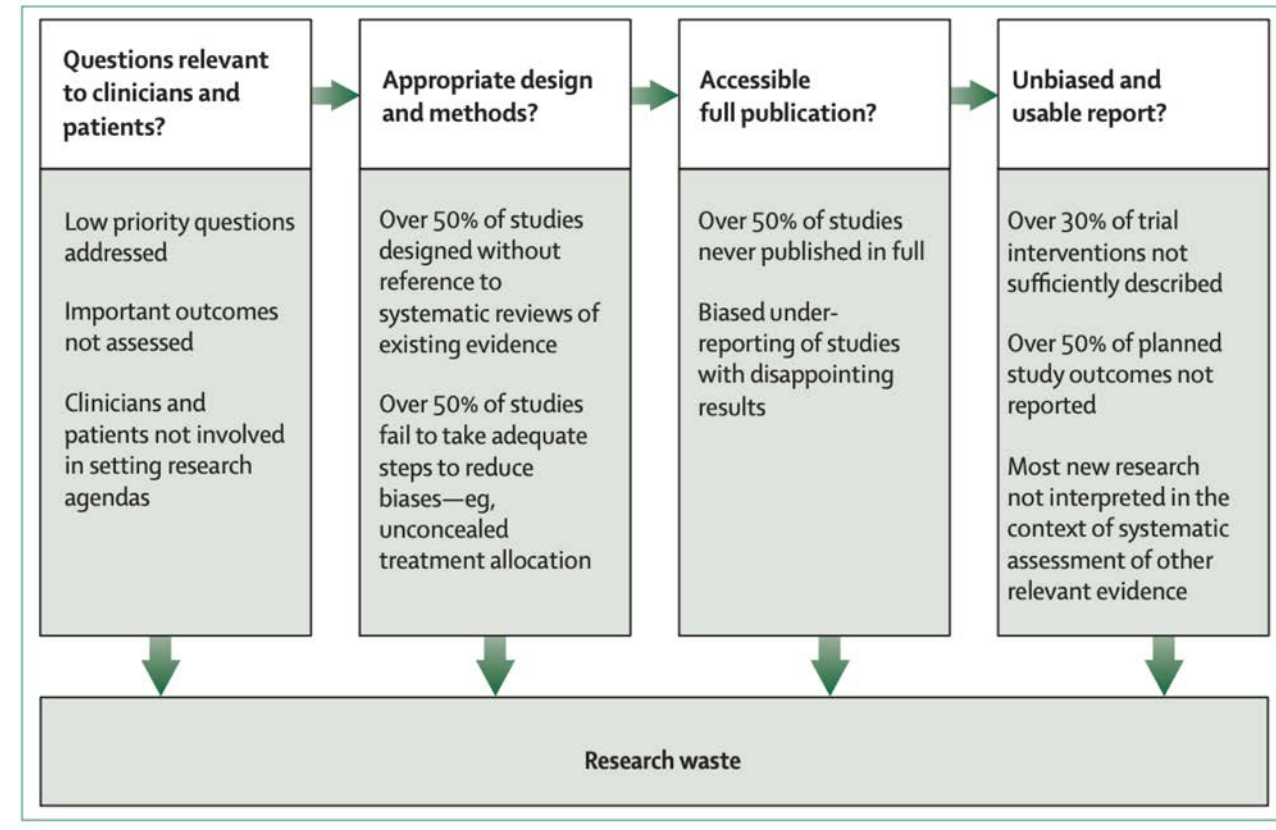
C	• CHECK how the patient is managing their health	Give patients opportunity to voice opinions and concerns. Acknowledge difficulty with managing complex conditions Aim: Ask patient how they are coping in general rather than focusing on one condition.
	• HEAR what they say and HIGHLIGHT key points	'Active listening'- use verbal cues to show that HCP is more than passively 'hearing' the message of the speaker. Aim: Signal that patient is being heard
A	• ASK what their priorities and valued activities are	Encourage patient to discuss priorities, goals and values in context of their complex conditions- what would they like to achieve/ do that they feel they cannot currently do/manage? Aim: Identify patient priorities
	• TELL them your priorities as their healthcare provider	Discuss health-related priorities and how these complement/conflict with patient goals- how can HCP help patient achieve/ do that they feel they cannot currently do/manage? Aim: link patient priorities to health-related objectives
P	• PICK a goal to work on together	Pick one specific target area to focus on. Should be most likely to maximally benefit patient and most in keeping with priorities outlined Aim: Outline SMART goals
	• LAYOUT an action plan to achieve the goals	Discuss with patient how goal might be achieved- Use goal setting sheet to discuss barriers, facilitators and other people who may need to be involved Aim: Create an action plan
A	• ASSIGN tasks using the goal sheet	Delegate responsibilities, ensuring that both patient and clinician are involved. Aim: Remove ambiguity about responsibility.
	• NEGOTIATE roles and responsibilities	Negotiate tasks so that both are collaborating and working on the goal. Aim: Create a sense of shared-responsibility

Corbett TK, Cummings A, Lee K, et al. Planning and optimising CHAT&PLAN: A conversation-based intervention to promote person-centred care for older people living with multimorbidity. PLoS One. 2020 Oct 16;15(10):e0240516.

Right by You Wessex Evaluation aims

- What is the impact of RbY Wessex on patient experience and outcomes?
- How is RbY Wessex's approach to integrated, personalised care designed and delivered?
- Does RbY Wessex deliver effective integrated working between primary, secondary and community care?
- What is the impact of RbY Wessex on health professional experience and outcomes?
- What is the impact of RbY Wessex on health service delivery?

Avoiding research waste



Chalmers I, Glasziou P. Avoidable waste in the production and reporting of research evidence. *Lancet*. 2009 Jul 4;374(9683):86-9.

In Conclusion

- Partnership working yield many benefits, including:
 - Minimising research waste
 - Commissioning for impact
 - Timely uptake of findings to inform policy and practice, to the benefit of people living with cancer
 - Rigorous evidence-base to inform development, design and delivery of innovative services
 - Workforce development underpinned by rigorous, current evidence
 - Facilitating replicability of innovation



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