

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: HORIZONS study; Understanding the impact of cancer diagnosis and treatment on everyday life

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study looking at how people maintain and recover health and wellbeing following treatment for cancer, what the challenges are, and what might be done to help.

We will ask you to complete several questionnaires for us: one before your treatment starts and then again in 3 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months and then once a year, which we will post to your home.


The study is being funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and sponsored by the University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust. It is being conducted by researchers at the University of Southampton, who are being advised by experts from across the UK.

Enclosed along with this letter is a copy of the 'Participant Information Sheet' that gives more details about the study. Please take time to read this and decide if you would like to take part.

A member of the research team will discuss this study with you at your next appointment or by telephone. If you are interested in participating you will be provided with a consent form, a baseline questionnaire and a return, postage paid, addressed envelope and the research team will explain the next steps. You do not have to take part in this study and your clinical care will not be affected by your decision.

If you have any questions, or would like any more information about our research, please do not hesitate to contact the research team (contact details below).

Yours faithfully,



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