BRINGING THE RECOVERY PACKAGE INTO GENERAL PRACTICE: AN EVOLUTION OF THE CANCER CARE REVIEW (CCR).

The Cancer Care Review is an integral part of the Recovery Package.

Our aim was to bring the Recovery package into General Practice by developing a Cancer Care Review template that makes links with the other elements of the Recovery package. We wanted to place the Cancer Care Review at the heart of the Recovery Package and support the GP / primary care professional to play a central role in the long-term support of patients living with cancer.

Macmillan GPs worked collaboratively in Nottinghamshire to develop a comprehensive electronic Cancer Care Review template, integrated into the clinical system. Being mindful of time constraints in both GP and nurse consultations, the template has been designed to be practical and intuitive, providing a structure, with prompts, to facilitate a comprehensive yet natural conversation.

An accompanying video tutorial has also been developed, making the case for a good quality CCR and providing clinicians with relevant supporting information. It outlines other aspects of the Recovery Package, exploring Health Needs Assessments and Care Planning and examples of Treatment Summaries. It also encourages the use of a pre-consultation patient questionnaire (patient prompt) to facilitate an effective and holistic CCR.

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