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NAEDI Event

Bringing primary and secondary care together

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An educational event for GPs, bringing primary and secondary care together, funded by Peninsula Cancer Network and in partnership with colleagues from NEW Devon CCG and Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital. The event took place on a GP 'shutdown' afternoon for the locality.

Links were made with Clinical Cancer Lead at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

- He had previous involvement in a similar event and found it a stimulating way of discussing issues with GPs.
- Hospital management agreed that consultants could be released for the afternoon in order to participate.

How did it work?

* 2 consultants each for breast, urology, gastroenterology, respiratory, gynaecology and colorectal

* 80 GPs divided into 10 groups with a consultant and facilitator to capture the important points, make notes and guide consultants as they moved from group to group at 25 minute intervals

* 1 table where South West Strategic Commission Network (Cancer Team) went through practice data, helping to explain variances and explain information available

The programme

Video Two patients telling their very different stories of suspected cancer, from their trip to the GP and subsequent diagnosis.

Speed dating A lively session following by time for feedback from each speciality to ensure participants heard from all specialities.

Closing talk from Professor Willie Hamilton
Focusing on 'the mistakes we make' as GPs / Using our intuition when making referrals and why GPs may fail to refer / A review of why Britain does badly with cancer survival rate and our need to speed up diagnosis

We evaluated the event and received very positive feedback from GPs:

"Overall an excellent afternoon. More like this please. Primary/secondary care interaction is the most important thing we can do to improve overall patient care."

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