

## **The Cross Party Group on Cancer**

### **Inquiry into inequalities and cancer in Wales – Written consultation document**

The Cross Party Group on Cancer is launching this inquiry in order to:

- Understand the impact that inequalities, and particularly deprivation, have on patient experience, access to cancer services, cancer incidence and cancer outcomes in Wales.
- Provide recommendations to the Welsh Government, NHS Wales, and other public bodies to tackle inequalities across the cancer pathway, and in particular the impact of poverty and deprivation on patient access and experience.

Further context on cancer inequalities in Wales can be found in the accompanying Cancer Research UK briefing '*Beating cancer for everyone*'.

The deadline for the written consultation is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.

**Please send your written responses to the below questions to Megan Cole, who provides secretariat to the Cross Party Group, on [megan.cole@cancer.org.uk](mailto:megan.cole@cancer.org.uk)**

Please send your consultation response in a Word document and keep your response to approx. 2000 words.

The Cross Party Group will be taking evidence from a range of stakeholders throughout late 2022, and will publish a report with recommendations based on evidence received in Spring 2023.

1. What are the challenges facing specific groups or communities in Wales with regards to risk factors for cancers such as smoking, alcohol and obesity?
2. What barriers do communities in deprived areas and/or people in low income households in Wales face in accessing:
  - a. Screening
  - b. GP/Primary care practice
  - c. Diagnostic services (e.g. endoscopy, imaging)
  - d. Cancer treatments, including innovative treatments and clinical trials
3. How can deprivation affect the way patients experience cancer services in Wales?
4. What are the barriers to tackling cancer inequalities in Wales?
5. What impact has the following had on access to cancer services for different groups:
  - a. COVID-19 pandemic
  - b. Cost of living crisis
6. What work do you know is happening across Wales to tackle inequalities in cancer care?
7. What action would you like to see Welsh Government, NHS Wales and other bodies take to tackle the inequalities that exist in cancer in Wales?