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South Island Cancer Consumer Group

Key Messages

The South Island Cancer Consumer Group met on 11 February 2019 with the following key messages from the meeting:

- The South Island Cancer Consumer Group is seeking at least two new members, and are particularly looking for increased representation from South Canterbury, Canterbury and Nelson Marlborough, and Māori and ethnic backgrounds. We encourage anyone to apply who has recently completed treatment or supported a family member through cancer and wants to give a consumer perspective to the Southern Cancer Network's quality improvement workplan.
- The Group provided feedback on the Supportive Cancer Care Directory being developed by a project team from CDHB, St Georges and Cancer Society. The Group were enthusiastic about the Directory and the benefits of having clear, consistent information on a wide range of topics affecting the physical and mental health of people with cancer.
- The Group had an initial discussion about Southern Cancer Network planning for 2019/20. The Group agreed they viewed clarity of communication, particularly around outpatients' appointments and triaging, a more structured transition following treatment, engagement with primary care, and cancer prevention as the main priorities from a consumer perspective. These topics will be fed into Southern Cancer Network's consideration of what to focus on and where it can have the most impact for 2019/20.

The next SICCG meeting will take place on 29th April 2019.