Pathways for Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer: The Community Connections Project

Who is conducting the research?

The research is being conducted by Melanie Rolfe from Children’s Health Queensland and Queensland Youth Cancer Services.

What is the research about?

The project aims to understand the service needs and process of referral between hospital and community services in Queensland for 15-25 year old oncology patients, their family, and partners, in order to support initiatives which may streamline this process, inform service development, or remove barriers to access. Findings may inform:

- Formalisation of optimum referral pathways
- Education for health and/or consumers on available community supports and referral pathways
- Identification of any gaps in service or geographical availability of services
- Recommendations for development of resources or services

How will it help children and young people with cancer and/or their families?

The project seeks to understand consumers’ (young people with cancer, their siblings, parents, and partners) experience of linking in with community supports; the outcome will be an in-depth understanding which can inform improvements in the sector. This may include work done by QYCS with health professionals in order to improve understanding and linkage to community supports, as well as information on the experience of accessing services which may be of use for community support organisations in informing their services and referral processes.

Who can take part?

The Queensland Youth Cancer Service wants to hear from consumers who have experienced cancer care of 15-25-year olds in Queensland, in the last 5 years; either as a patient, sibling, partner, or parent.

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What will participants be asked to do?

You will be invited to take part in an interview, by phone or in-person (Brisbane), discussing your experience of non-hospital support through cancer.

When and where is the research taking place?

At Lady Cliento Children’s Hospital in Brisbane. The study is running until November, 2018.

Who has reviewed this study?

This study has been reviewed by the Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee.

How to find out more

If you would like to find out more about this study, please contact Melanie Rolfe on Melanie.rolfe@health.qld.gov.au or qycs_chq@health.qld.gov.au

Please note that by asking for more information you are not committing yourself in any way.