

## How can we improve bowel cancer survival in England?

### *Invite to become a public research partner*

#### **It is unfair that people with bowel cancer have different experiences and outcomes depending on where they live in England.**

Where you live can have a big impact on how likely you are to survive bowel cancer. Identifying bowel cancer early and targeting those most at risk will improve life expectancy. However, we do not understand why and how some places in England improve bowel cancer survival and others do not.

We will look at existing information about bowel cancer. From this, four areas in England will be identified. The health and care services that serve those communities will be defined and invited to get involved. Interviews and focus groups will be conducted with health service leaders, clinicians, patients, and carers.

We will use insights to develop new understanding and ideas about how and why improvements in bowel cancer survival are achieved.

#### **Why do I need you?**

I do not know what it is like to have bowel cancer or care for someone with the disease. Your life experience relating to this is therefore invaluable. I want to collaborate with you on the design, delivery and sharing of this research and the findings.

#### **What am I inviting you to do?**

I would like you to join a public research partners group. As a group we will review study information for participants, make sense of the data collected, co-publish findings, and discuss how to best share the results with professionals and the public.

We will meet approximately 8 times between January 2023 and August 2025.

#### **What support will you receive?**

I aim to reduce as many barriers to your involvement as possible. This includes paying for travel costs and your time (in line with guidance), use of technology to enable discussion (for example, using Microsoft Teams), one-to-one meetings to understand any training needs and providing plenty of refreshments when we meet in person. Please let me know what support you might need.

#### **How to contact me**

If you have questions or would like to express your interest then please contact me, Julia Emery, via [julia.emery@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:julia.emery@nottingham.ac.uk) or by calling **07766204749**

I look forward to hearing from you!

