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The Moondance Cancer Awards celebrate and spotlight brilliant people across NHS Wales and its partners who deliver, lead and innovate cancer services.

Held biennially, the awards recognise individuals, teams and collaborations working across all parts of the cancer pathway – from detection and diagnosis to treatment and ongoing care – and showcase the innovation and improvement driving better outcomes for people affected by cancer across Wales.

Nominations were invited for 10 awards across 3 categories. Over 110 nominations were submitted for the 2026 awards, and a shortlist of 62, representing 30 organisations, will be considered by an independent panel of judges.

Below are the nomination summaries for the awards shortlisted under the Achievement category, which includes: Better Patient Experience, Working Together, Collaborating with Partners, and Patient & Public Participation & Involvement.

Winners will be announced at the [Celebration & Awards Night](#) on Thursday 11 June at Depot, Cardiff.



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**Redesigning Radiotherapy
Treatment Scheduling**

South West Wales Cancer Centre



**Peptide Receptor
Radionuclide Therapy
(PRRT) Service**

Velindre Cancer Centre



**Bespoke Breast
Prosthesis Service**

Swansea Bay University Health Board



**Specialist
Prehabilitation Service
for Cancer Surgery**

Betsi Cadwaladr University
Health Board



**Patient-Centred
Thoracic Service Model**

Cardiff and Vale University Health
Board



**Radiographer-Led Late
Radiotherapy Effects
Service**

Swansea Bay University Health Board

Redesigning Radiotherapy Treatment Scheduling

South West Wales Cancer Centre

This nomination recognises work at South West Wales Cancer Centre to redesign radiotherapy treatment scheduling around the needs of patients receiving treatment. By increasing standard appointment slots from 15 to 20 minutes, colleagues tackled a longstanding challenge that had previously been seen as too disruptive to change without affecting capacity or access. Through careful planning, modelling and engagement with radiographers, booking teams and operational managers, the project introduced a fairer, more consistent and more realistic approach to scheduling. Patients now experience shorter waits, fewer delays and a calmer environment, with more time for communication, reassurance and compassionate care. The centre now has a robust, future-proof scheduling model aligned with the complexity of modern radiotherapy.



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Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT) Service

Velindre Cancer Centre



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This nomination recognises the establishment of a Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy service at Velindre Cancer Centre, enabling patients with neuroendocrine tumours to access highly specialised treatment in Wales for the first time. Previously, patients from South Wales had to travel to London for consultations, treatment cycles and follow-up, creating additional stress, cost and disruption for patients, families and carers. Through collaboration across nuclear medicine, oncology, radiology, pharmacy, nursing and hospital management, the service has brought care closer to home while strengthening Wales' capacity to deliver advanced nuclear medicine therapies and reducing pressure on external referral centres. Patients now benefit from reduced travel, greater continuity of care, stronger local support and improved communication throughout treatment.



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Bespoke Breast Prosthesis Service

Swansea Bay University Health Board

This nomination recognises the development of a bespoke breast prosthesis service at Morriston Hospital, supporting patients who are unable to tolerate standard off-the-shelf prostheses after breast cancer surgery. For patients affected by poor fit, weight, post-surgical asymmetry, radiotherapy effects or skin sensitivity, the service provides lightweight, fully customised external prostheses designed around individual anatomy, comfort and personal preference. Developed through collaboration with breast care nurses, breast reconstruction nurses and surgeons, the service embeds prosthetic rehabilitation within the breast cancer pathway. Patients report improved comfort, restored confidence and a greater sense of control during recovery, with some able to avoid further reconstructive surgery.

Specialist Prehabilitation Service for Cancer Surgery

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board



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This nomination recognises the Specialist Prehabilitation Service in the East of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, which supports patients to become fitter, stronger and better prepared before major cancer surgery. The service provides a four-week intensive programme of personalised physical activity, dietetic support and occupational therapy psychology input, delivered by a specialist multidisciplinary team. Patients receive structured, evidence-based support before and after surgery, helping them feel more confident, informed and prepared for treatment. The service has supported nearly 700 patients to optimise their health, with high adherence, improved recovery, reduced complications, shorter hospital stays and consistently strong patient satisfaction.



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Patient-Centred Thoracic Service Model

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

This nomination recognises the development of a patient-centred thoracic service model at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, transforming how lung cancer surgery is coordinated and delivered for patients across South Wales. By moving from individual consultant-led lists to a pooled waiting list, the service has reduced variation in waiting times so patients are treated according to need and by the first available surgeon. A joint consultant-supervised, resident-led ward round has also strengthened daily multidisciplinary decision-making, supporting safer care, faster discharge and a smoother post-operative experience. Alongside this, sustained clinical advocacy has helped establish robotic-assisted thoracic surgery in Wales, improving access to advanced, minimally invasive treatment.

Radiographer-Led Late Radiotherapy Effects Service

Swansea Bay University Health Board



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This nomination recognises the creation of a Radiographer-Led Late Radiotherapy Effects Service at Swansea Bay University Health Board, improving support for prostate cancer patients living with late side effects after radiotherapy. Developed in response to a longstanding gap in post-treatment care, the service provides holistic assessment, tailored treatment, self-management advice and coordinated specialist input for patients who may previously have struggled for months or years without dedicated support. The introduction of a self-referral pathway has helped identify patients who were discharged, overlooked or unsure where to turn. Early results show improved quality of life, meaningful symptom relief and a faster route to specialist care, creating a more responsive model for cancer survivorship in Wales.



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Improving Access to Cancer Research Through Collaboration

Swansea Trials Unit, Betsi Cadwaladr
University Health Board, Hywel Dda
University Health Board, Cwm Taf
Morgannwg University Health Board,

National FIT Dashboard Development

NHS Wales Performance and
Improvement

Building a Multi- Professional Radiotherapy Workforce

Velindre University NHS Trust, Health
Education and Improvement Wales, Betsi
Cadwaladr University Health Board,
Swansea Bay University Health Board



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The Prognostic Key

Swansea Bay University Health Board, Velindre University NHS Trust, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement



Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product Outcomes Programme

NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,



Enabling Equitable Access to Lung Cancer Research

Hywel Dda University Health Board



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Improving Access to Cancer Research Through Collaboration

Swansea Trials Unit, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board,
Hywel Dda University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg
University Health Board

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This nomination recognises collaboration between Swansea Trials Unit and Betsi Cadwaladr, Hywel Dda and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Boards to improve access to cancer research across Wales. Through targeted work to build local leadership, strengthen study set-up processes and embed research into routine care, organisations with historically lower research activity have become leading recruiters to the national COLOSPECT colorectal cancer study. In 2026, these three health boards delivered more than 75% of total recruitment, enabling over 2,200 patients to take part. This work has improved access to research opportunities closer to home and created more sustainable research capability within local cancer services.



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National FIT Dashboard Development

NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

This nomination recognises the collaborative development of the National FIT Dashboard for NHS Wales, delivered through national cancer, digital, clinical and analytical expertise. The dashboard provides, for the first time, a consistent national view of how Faecal Immunochemical Testing is being used within suspected colorectal cancer pathways. By bringing together data on FIT requests, referral information, results, diagnoses and variation across communities, the dashboard helps clinicians and service managers understand performance, identify delays and target improvement. This work supports more informed decision-making, better use of diagnostic capacity and more consistent implementation of FIT-based pathways across Wales.



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Building a Multi-Professional Radiotherapy Workforce

Velindre University NHS Trust, Health Education and Improvement Wales, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Swansea Bay University Health Board

This nomination recognises the collaborative work of the Multi-Professional Radiotherapy Target Delineation Group, working with Advancing Radiotherapy Cymru, the Clinical Oncology Sub-Committee, the National Cancer Team, HEIW and education partners to strengthen radiotherapy workforce capability across Wales. The work is developing a safe, standardised and multi-professional approach to radiotherapy target delineation, helping therapeutic radiographers, clinical scientists, clinical technologists and resident doctors build defined competencies under robust governance. By creating a national training framework, shared learning resources and consistent assessment, the collaboration aims to reduce variation, improve resilience and support faster progression from diagnosis to radiotherapy treatment planning.



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The Prognostic Key

Swansea Bay University Health Board, Velindre University NHS Trust, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

This nomination recognises the development of The Prognostic Key, a communication tool designed to improve how cancer prognosis is understood and shared between clinical teams. Led by two primary care cancer leads, Dr Gemma Eccles and Dr Elise Lang, with support from the National Cancer Team, people affected by cancer and multidisciplinary colleagues, the work created a set of clear terms to help oncology, primary care and other teams understand a patient's prognosis and plan care accordingly. The terms have been piloted by three treating teams in Velindre and are now in use in Swansea Bay. As part of the All-Wales Cancer Care Treatment Summary document the terms have now received National Cancer Team endorsement to be used across Wales, supporting better coordinated, more informed care for people affected by cancer.



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Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product Outcomes Programme

NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee,
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

This nomination recognises the Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product Outcomes Programme, established within the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee to strengthen how real-world evidence is used in cancer services. The programme brings together commissioners, clinicians, pharmacists, analysts, value-based healthcare colleagues, health economists, procurement specialists, academic partners and Welsh Government representatives. Its first project focuses on Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma, creating a new outcomes database to better understand local patient characteristics, treatment pathways and outcomes. By connecting clinical, analytical and commissioning expertise, the work is building a more robust Welsh evidence base to support service planning, pathway design, shared decision-making and future access to advanced therapies.

Enabling Equitable Access to Lung Cancer Research

Hywel Dda University Health Board

This nomination recognises collaboration between Hywel Dda University Health Board's Research Delivery and Research Support teams to improve access to lung cancer research across a large, rural health board. By working together from the earliest conversations with sponsors and clinicians, colleagues have anticipated and resolved set-up challenges, enabling lung cancer studies to open quickly and reach patients across all four hospital sites. Through this approach, patients attending rapid access lung clinics have been offered opportunities to take part in research, including studies exploring novel diagnostics and liquid biopsy. This work shows how strong collaboration can embed research into routine cancer care and improve equitable access for patients closer to home.



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 **Delivering Myeloma
Treatment at Home**


Cardiff and Vale University Health
Board, Pharmaxo Healthcare

 **5K Your Way
Collaboration**

Aneurin Bevan University Health
Board, parkrun, 5K Your Way,
Macmillan Cancer Support,
Coalfields Regeneration Trust,
Maggie's

 **BATRI (Brain Tumour
Research Initiative)**

Cancer Research Wales, Velindre
Cancer Centre, Cardiff University

 **'Time for Targeted Lung
Cancer Screening'
Campaign**

Tenovus Cancer Care, Public Health
Wales, Cancer Research UK,



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**Surface Guided
Radiotherapy (SGRT)
Collaboration**

South West Wales Cancer
Centre, Xiel Ltd



**CAR-T Clinical Nurse
Specialist Partnership**

Cardiff and Vale University Health
Board, Anthony Nolan



Holistic Cancer Support

Sandville Self Help Foundation

Delivering Myeloma Treatment at Home

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Pharmaxo Healthcare

This nomination recognises collaboration between Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Pharmaxo Healthcare to deliver myeloma treatment at home. Led by Myeloma Pharmacist Grant Mehrjou, the work developed from a clear focus on streamlining care and improving patient experience. After exploring different routes to provide subcutaneous treatments closer to home, Grant established a new pathway with Pharmaxo, drawing on their experience of delivering homecare services with the NHS in South West England. Patients with myeloma can now receive anti-cancer treatment at home, either through supported self-administration or nurse-delivered care. This offers greater autonomy, convenience and comfort, particularly for older or frail patients, while also releasing capacity in the haematology day unit for more complex treatments and creating a cost-neutral model compared with hospital delivery.



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5K Your Way Collaboration

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, parkrun, 5K Your Way, Macmillan Cancer Support, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Maggie's

This nomination recognises collaboration between Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, 5K Your Way, parkrun and wider partners to support people affected by cancer through free, local community activity. Led by Sian Lewis, ABUHB Macmillan AHP Cancer Lead, and Chris Davies, Wales 5K Your Way Lead and Wales parkrun Lead, the partnership has helped people affected by cancer walk, jog, run or volunteer at monthly parkrun events in a supportive setting. The collaboration has also become a platform for cancer awareness, prevention and early diagnosis activity, including a major Cancer Awareness Headliner Event at Cwmbran parkrun. By working with partners including Macmillan, Maggie's and the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, the model is helping widen access to physical activity, peer support and cancer awareness in local communities.



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BATRI (Brain Tumour Research Initiative)

Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff
University

This nomination recognises the Cancer Research Wales Brain Tumour Research Initiative, known as BATRI, a collaboration between Cancer Research Wales, Cardiff University and the Velindre Neuro-Oncology Department. Established to address the lack of a well-funded brain tumour research ecosystem in Wales, BATRI brings together charities, academics, clinicians, neurosurgeons and people affected by cancer to drive research and innovation. In its first two years, the initiative has funded 13 projects worth more than £1.7 million, including work on advanced imaging, paediatric brain tumours and person-focused outcome measures. BATRI has also supported Wales's first brain tumour conference and helped strengthen Wales's voice within the wider UK brain tumour research community.

'Time for Targeted Lung Cancer Screening' Campaign

Tenovus Cancer Care, Public Health Wales,
Cancer Research UK

This nomination recognises the 'Time for Targeted Lung Cancer Screening' campaign, a collaboration between Tenovus Cancer Care, Public Health Wales, Cancer Research UK and NHS clinical expertise to secure progress on targeted lung cancer screening in Wales. The campaign brought together third sector advocacy, clinical evidence, public engagement and political influencing to build a clear case for implementation. Through open letters, Senedd briefings, public petition activity, site visits and conference engagement, the partners kept lung cancer screening visible as a national priority. The campaign contributed to Welsh Government's commitment to phased implementation, supporting earlier diagnosis and a more targeted approach for communities most affected by lung cancer inequalities.



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Surface Guided Radiotherapy (SGRT) Collaboration

South West Wales Cancer Centre, Xiel Ltd

This nomination recognises collaboration between South West Wales Cancer Centre and Xiel Ltd to implement and continuously develop Surface Guided Radiotherapy within radiotherapy services. Through close working between clinical, physics and industry partners, the collaboration has supported safe implementation, technical optimisation, multidisciplinary training and the expansion of SGRT into more complex treatment areas. The work has improved treatment accuracy, safety and patient experience, including reducing reliance on permanent tattoos and immobilisation for some patients. As a recognised centre of excellence, South West Wales Cancer Centre has also shared learning through study days and site visits, supporting wider adoption and innovation across radiotherapy services.



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CAR-T Clinical Nurse Specialist Partnership

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Anthony Nolan

This nomination recognises collaboration between Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Anthony Nolan to improve support for patients and families navigating CAR-T therapy. Through the creation of a dedicated CAR-T Clinical Nurse Specialist role within Anthony Nolan, the partnership has built a bridge between frontline clinical care and wider charity support. Patients and families can access trusted information, reassurance and Anthony Nolan’s support services alongside their clinical care at a complex and vulnerable point in their treatment pathway. The collaboration has also shaped service development in NHS Wales, including a nurse-led long-term follow-up clinic, and supported national CAR-T education resources for healthcare professionals.



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Holistic Cancer Support

Sandville Self Help Foundation

This nomination recognises Sandville Self Help Foundation's holistic cancer support, delivered in close collaboration with NHS Wales to complement clinical care. The charity has developed clear, person-centred pathways supporting the emotional, physical and practical needs of people affected by cancer and other life-limiting conditions. Its services include specialist support groups, complementary therapies, legal and practical advice, respite facilities, bereavement support, volunteer transport, rehabilitation and wellbeing activities, and chemotherapy-related hair and wig support. Through strong links with healthcare professionals, Sandville provides welcoming, non-clinical support that helps reduce isolation, improve wellbeing and give individuals and families a sense of comfort, confidence and connection during and after cancer treatment.



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**Improving the Cancer
Journey in Cardiff and
Vale**

Cardiff and Vale University
Health Board, Macmillan Cancer
Support



**Co-designing Breast
Cancer Services
Through Lived
Experience**

Hywel Dda University Health Board,
Macmillan Cancer Support, Dyma Ni
Ltd (Yma)



Claire's Campaign

Tenovus Cancer Care,
Cavendish Cymru



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The I-Prehab Project

Cardiff University

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Macmillan Cancer Support, Powys Teaching Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, Velindre University Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board



**Co-Produced Breast
Cancer Diet Video
Resource**

Swansea Bay University Health Board, Centre for Trials Research – Cardiff University, Velindre Cancer Centre



**GastroSCOPE – Patient
& Public Involvement**



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Improving the Cancer Journey in Cardiff and Vale

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,
Macmillan Cancer Support

This nomination recognises the work led by Lindsay Richards in the scoping project for Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) in Cardiff and Vale, in collaboration with Macmillan Cancer Support. The project focused on engaging communities to understand their non-clinical cancer support needs through over 240 touchpoints, 350+ contributions from patients, carers, and bereaved families, and outreach to 70+ organisations. Lindsay prioritised underserved communities such as Gypsy & Traveller groups, refugees, and LGBTQ+ individuals, using inclusive methods like focus groups and one-to-one supported conversations. This extensive engagement has provided a robust, lived experience-led evidence base, which is now shaping a more person-centred, community-based model of care. Through this work, Lindsay has rebuilt trust with communities and laid the groundwork for systemic change, which has been pivotal in securing funding to implement the ICJ service in Cardiff and Vale.



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Co-designing Breast Cancer Services Through Lived Experience

Hywel Dda University Health Board, Macmillan
Cancer Support, Dyma Ni Ltd (Yma)

This nomination recognises the collaboration between people with lived experience of breast cancer, Hywel Dda University Health Board, Macmillan Cancer Support, and Dyma Ni Ltd (Yma) to co-design breast cancer services. Through surveys, in-depth interviews, and co-creation events, over 220 patients contributed their experiences to inform improvements across three key areas: information and communication, empathy and approach, and holistic needs assessments. Patients and clinicians worked together as equals, developing 12 patient-informed tests of change to address challenges within the breast cancer journey. The project has empowered patients, strengthened the partnership between patients and staff, and led to more tailored, compassionate care.



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Claire's Campaign

Tenovus Cancer Care, Cavendish Cymru

This nomination recognises Claire's Campaign, a patient-led movement founded by the late Claire O'Shea in partnership with Tenovus Cancer Care and Cavendish Cymru. The campaign was established to address systemic failures in the diagnosis, treatment, and experience of gynaecological cancers, sparked by Claire's delayed diagnosis of uterine leiomyosarcoma in 2021. Claire's advocacy has been central to raising awareness of gender bias in healthcare and the urgent need for timely diagnosis. Since 2023, the campaign has given women a platform to share their stories, influencing the Unheard Inquiry in the Senedd and driving policy changes to address gaps in care. Through media coverage, public engagement, and political advocacy, the campaign has garnered support from health charities and members of the Welsh Government. Claire's work led to the Welsh Government's commitment to improving gynaecological cancer services, helping to create a roadmap for systemic change. Her legacy continues to ensure that the voices of women affected by gynaecological cancer are heard and shape the future of healthcare policy in Wales.



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The I-Prehab Project

Cardiff University

This nomination recognises The I-Prehab Project, led by Cardiff University, which focused on inclusive cancer prehabilitation to address inequalities in access to support for people affected by cancer. The project developed the I-Prehab online education package for cancer care workers, co-produced with patients, community groups, and healthcare professionals. Through engagement with diverse communities, including those from ethnic minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, the project identified barriers to accessing prehabilitation services. The findings directly informed the creation of an inclusive education tool, empowering cancer care workers to better support patients from all backgrounds. The project's patient and public involvement (PPI) approach ensured that the voices of those most affected by these disparities were central to the development of the resources. This initiative will help improve access to prehab services, ultimately supporting better treatment outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients across Wales.



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Co-Produced Breast Cancer Diet Video Resource

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Macmillan Cancer Support, Powys Teaching Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, Velindre University Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

This nomination recognises the collaborative development of a Breast Cancer Diet Video Resource, co-produced with people with lived experience of breast cancer, to provide accessible, evidence-based dietary guidance for patients across Wales.

Led by Sian Lewis, Macmillan AHP Lead for Cancer Services, and a team of dietitians, clinicians, and patients, the resource was created after over 100 patients participated in a Wales-wide survey and focus groups. The video, available in full and in chapters (Diagnosis, Treatment, Post-Treatment), features patient stories alongside expert advice, helping to reduce anxiety around dietary misinformation and support informed decision-making. Endorsed by the British Dietetic Association, the resource ensures equitable access to reliable nutrition information, addressing gaps in support for patients and reducing distress caused by conflicting dietary advice. This co-produced resource aligns with national cancer strategies and provides a scalable model for creating future patient-centred educational tools.



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GastroSCOPE – Patient & Public Involvement

Swansea Bay University Health Board, Centre for Trials
Research – Cardiff University, Velindre Cancer Centre

This nomination recognises the significant role of patient and public involvement (PPI) in the development of the GastroSCOPE clinical trial, which explores the potential of higher-dose radiotherapy to improve outcomes for patients with inoperable stomach cancer. The trial, developed by Swansea Bay University Health Board, the Centre for Trials Research at Cardiff University, and Velindre Cancer Centre, has integrated PPI at every stage, from shaping the research question to trial design and patient-facing materials. Over 30 patients and carers from diverse backgrounds contributed through focus groups and workshops, ensuring the trial addresses real-world concerns, including travel burden and patient experience. PPI feedback led to the inclusion of virtual follow-ups and travel reimbursements, enhancing the trial's accessibility. The work has also established a Patient Advisory Group to continue guiding the trial's progression and ensure that patient voices remain central throughout the study.



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