

PATIENTS & FAMILIES PANEL



Why you're important

Facing a stem cell transplant can be incredibly tough and at Anthony Nolan we want to make sure that people feel supported every step of the way. We do this by producing information and support for people before, during and after a transplant.

It's so important that everything we do meets the needs of people affected by blood cancer and blood disorders. We know that the best way to achieve this is by making sure that people who've been through these experiences are at the heart of what we do.

That's where you come in. If you or your partner/relative have been affected by blood cancer or a blood disorder, have had a stem cell transplant, and have ideas about how we can develop support and information, we would love to hear from you. Your personal experience will prove invaluable.

You will have a real opportunity to shape our work and make sure we provide the most helpful and supportive services for patients, their friends and families.

What the role involves

Being part of the panel can involve as much or as little input as you'd like. You only need to volunteer for the areas that interest you and what you feel up to taking part in.

The types of things we may contact you about include:

- Your experiences of stem cell transplant – what's helped and hindered you along the way
- Your ideas about what information and support might help
- Your thoughts on what we're already doing. From booklets to animations to our online forum – how can we make them even better?

There are many ways you can get involved including:

- Commenting on and reviewing patient information about stem cell transplant
- Sharing patient insight about your experiences
- Receiving updates about our work
- Volunteering for projects that need patient and families' perspectives

What skills and experience you need

We're looking for people who'd like to share their thoughts and ideas about our work for patients either over the phone, by email or post.

We don't expect you to be a medical expert in your or your relative's condition, treatment, medications or the NHS. We really want to hear from you and we'll strive to take on board your suggestions, although we sometimes need to balance your ideas with suggestions from other patients and health professionals.

You need to be aged 18 or over in order to volunteer in this role.

What you can expect from us

Expenses

If you incur expenses as part of your involvement with the panel (e.g. travel) we'll reimburse them in line with Anthony Nolan's volunteer expenses policy.

Support

You will be supported in your role by our Patient & Family Engagement Coordinator.

How much time this will take

We'll contact you around twice a month depending on your interests and what projects we're working on.

You don't have to get involved every time we get in touch. Just let us know if you don't have the time or if it's not something you're interested in.

What next?

Please fill in our quick form and let us know a bit more about you and how you'd like to be involved.