



Joint APPG Catch Up With Cancer summit

Consultation: Solutions to the COVID induced cancer backlog

Consultation Overview

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Radiotherapy (APPG RT), All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer and All-Party Parliamentary Group on Health, launch a consultation to gather recommendations on solutions to tackle the COVID induced cancer backlog. The consultation aims to inform the APPG's joint work on a Catch Up With Cancer "Way Ahead" policy paper to present solutions to the COVID induced cancer backlog as recommendations to the Government

A full policy paper report and recommendations will be launched at a Cancer Summit at the end of May and a selection of authors who submit consultation responses will be invited to attend a round-table with APPG chairs and cancer experts in the middle of May.

Terms of Reference

The consultation will seek views from the cancer community, organisations, government, charities, patients, clinicians and other cancer stakeholders. We would like to hear what you would change. We would be interested to hear a range of solutions from short term suggestions from front line staff to more strategic innovative ideas

- How large is the cancer backlog and what are the risks to patients?
- Has the current response of Government and NHS leaders to the COVID induced cancer backlog been sufficient and is the current system equipped to tackle the crisis? What is needed to change?
- Do we have the capacity within cancer diagnostics services, cancer treatments and the cancer workforce to deal with the COVID induced cancer backlog?
- Are current levels of funding enough to tackle the backlog?
- What are the reforms, support and resources cancer services need to tackle the COVID induced cancer backlog.
- Are there any opportunities to tackle the cancer backlog being missed?
- What technological or innovative solutions might be implemented long and short term to tackle the cancer crisis?
- What do cancer services need to look like in the future to improve survival of cancer patients?
- What policy recommendations should the APPGs make to the Government for tackling the Covid-induced cancer crisis.
- Anything else you would like to say?

Guidance for responding to the consultation

Submitting Evidence

Please send your consultation response by email to appg-rt@actionradiotherapy.org by 5pm on Friday 14th May 2021. A number of stakeholders will be invited to present their evidence at a round-table event on 19th May.

We are open to receiving consultation responses in a variety of formats but please keep responses to **approx. 1-3 A4 Pages in length**. Your response should aim to address one or more of the points included in the terms of reference.

If you would like to take part in the APPG chairs cancer backlog round-table please make this clear in your consultation email or email appg-rt@actionradiotherapy.org separately as soon as possible.