

RESPECT-21

Reorganising specialist cancer surgery for the 21st century: a mixed methods evaluation

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Welcome to the second newsletter for RESPECT-21. Our newsletter is aimed at providing you with information about our project, and an update on our recent activities.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The RESPECT-21 research team are studying changes in specialist cancer surgery services across North Central and North East London and West Essex (3.2m population) and across Greater Manchester (3.1m population). Both areas are working to reduce the number of hospitals providing specialist surgery for a range of cancers. We are focusing on changes to bladder and prostate, kidney and oesophago-gastric (OG) pathways.

We are using a range of research methods to study changes in the way specialist cancer surgery services are organised and provided in London and Greater Manchester. We will assess key processes in London and Manchester service centralisation. We will also look at the impact on care processes and outcomes, and the cost and cost-effectiveness of the changes. The impact on staff and patients will be explored, and we will study people's preferences in relation to centralisation. Finally, we will consider what lessons can be learned for future centralisations.

RECENT PROGRESS

Scoping work for the study of the processes of change (using interviews, meeting observations, and document analysis) is underway in London and Manchester. As part of this process, we have carried out 12 interviews with non-NHS employees and 16 informal observations at Governance and Service level meetings (e.g. Cancer commissioning board meetings, pathway board meetings and SMDT meetings), so that researchers can become familiar with the way that the changes are being implemented. In Greater Manchester we have also carried out 9 informal meetings with stakeholders involved in planning and supporting the centralisations and 7 informal observations.

We are currently working to obtain local R&D permissions to conduct research in NHS settings, which will build on the scoping work that we have been doing.

Scoping work for the survey-based study of patient, professional, and public preferences in relation to the reorganisation of specialist cancer surgery (called a Discrete Choice Experiment) has been completed and the questionnaire is in development. We are aiming to distribute the questionnaire in July 2016. A paper focusing on the results from the scoping work is also in the process of being written, and we are aiming to complete this by the end of Summer 2016.

We have collected in excess of 3000 documents covering the changes in London and Greater Manchester; we are currently in the process of analysing these documents. We will use our analysis to develop timelines of the changes in London and Greater Manchester: these timelines will enable us to more clearly understand the different stages and influential factors that shaped the centralisations.

Our Research Strategy Group (RSG) brings together co-investigators, researchers, study collaborators and other stakeholders – including four patient representatives and nine clinicians. So far, two RSG meetings have taken place (in December 2015 and March 2016), and RSG members have made significant contributions to the scoping work, the DCE and the collection of documents that we have been analysing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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For more information on the RESPECT-21 project website with news and links: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/dahr/research-pages/RESPECT_21

You can also find out more about service centralisations here:
<http://www.londoncancer.org/>
<http://www.manchestercancer.org/>

MEET THE TEAM

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