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## Patient and public involvement panel update

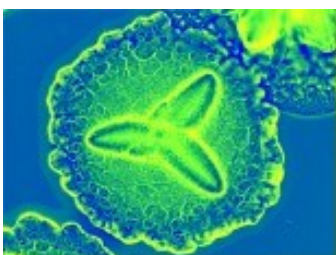
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Dear PPI Panel members,

Welcome to our first update!

Our plan is to send you a brief newsletter like this every month, to keep you up to date with what's happening on the project and to let you know that we're thinking of you even if we haven't been in touch much.

This first one is very short, as we're still in the process of recruiting more panel members. As we get up to speed, there will be more to share with you about what's going on, and hopefully some of you will be able to start contributing updates about your participation.



### Induction information

When we spoke to you about joining the panel, some of you made really helpful suggestions about what sorts of things would be useful to help with your induction. These include:

- More information about the project
- Explanations of some of the terms we're using
- Information about the process of social research.

We're getting on with pulling all this information together in user-friendly formats, and will hopefully have it ready to share by next month.

If there's anything else you would find helpful, please let us know by emailing [cas21c@ed.ac.uk](mailto:cas21c@ed.ac.uk) or phoning us on 0131 650 3233.



The research team (except Emma!)

### What's happening?

The research team in Edinburgh and Leeds have been getting approval from each university to begin 'scoping' studies. This involves getting out and about talking to people and finding out more about what's happening in the field of cancer research. It will also involve talking to people affected by cancer about what matters to them, so that when we begin the research properly, we know that we're asking the right questions.

## Learning opportunity – clinical research

For those of you interested in knowing more about clinical research, the University of Leeds is offering a free online course called 'Improving healthcare through clinical research'. The course starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and will be 4 hours per week for 4 weeks.

The course is about the process of clinical research and how it leads to improvements in healthcare. Although this is about clinical research rather than social science research, it may help people to become familiar with some of the concepts and issues that will be important in our project.

For more information or to enroll on the course, see:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/clinical-research>

### Website

In case you haven't seen our website yet, you can find it at [www.cancerandsociety.ac.uk](http://www.cancerandsociety.ac.uk).

The website has more information about the research team and some blogs about what we've been doing so far.

In time, we also hope to set up a chatroom function on the website for PPI panel members to use to keep in touch with each other.

Let us know if there's anything else you'd like to see on the website!

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