

## Brief report of a meeting of the Network Patient and Carer Working Group

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Introduction

The Peninsula Cancer Network is working in partnership with patients, carers, the public and key stakeholders to design the right approach to engagement, and ensure that all voices are heard. Following a number of engagement events, the Network Patient and Carer Working Group (PCWG) held its first meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

This report summarises the discussion, agreed actions and recommendations of the latest PCWG meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### WORK PLAN PRIORITIES

There are some clear priorities in terms of developing the work programme for the PCWG. Actions agreed from the meeting are to:

#### Develop two pilots to explore use of methods and networks identified

- **Early diagnosis and breast screening** – using the information obtained from sources identified, plan how local involvement work should be undertaken
- **Improving the quality of care in gynaecology services** – a Network wide project to evaluate access and quality of care from a patient and carer perspective utilising successful methods for engagement.

#### Identify issues for future activities using information and feedback

- **Summary report from the National Cancer Survey** – the Group to look at the summary to identify issues for future work

**Next Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

A full report of the meeting will be available on the network website from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 @ [www.peninsulacancernetwork.org.uk](http://www.peninsulacancernetwork.org.uk)