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CANREFER CASE STUDY EVALUATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Introduction

The *NSW Cancer Plan* (Plan) is a state-wide plan for lessening the impact of cancer in NSW and details the strategies that will enable this to be achieved.

An evaluation plan has been developed to examine progress and achievements, which will include illustrative case studies and health outcomes data.

Canrefer has been selected as a case study to answer the NSW Cancer Plan Evaluation question: *to what extent have NSW Cancer Plan initiatives facilitated improvements to the cancer system, including for priority cancers?*

What is Canrefer?

Canrefer is one way in which the Cancer Institute NSW promotes multidisciplinary care teams across the state. Canrefer is an online directory listing cancer specialists, treatment centers and multidisciplinary teams across New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Originally designed as a tool for General Practitioner (GP) referral, the website contributes to an integrated care strategy by linking people with a suspected cancer diagnosis to primary care and tertiary services, and promoting multidisciplinary team care.

The Interview

- The purpose of this interview is to deepen understanding of how Canrefer is being used as the vehicle by which patients receive their care in the right place, particularly in regional and remote areas. It will be used to explore:
  - Usefulness of Canrefer as a referral tool
  - Perceptions of what the 'right place' is
  - Barriers to use
  - Opportunities for improvement
- The interview will be conducted by a Cancer Institute NSW staff member/s.
- The methodology has undergone ethical consideration and adheres to ethical principles.
- The interview will take place via phone.
- The interview will run no longer than 30 minutes.
- The interview will be recorded and the recording used for transcribing purposes. Nothing shared during this interview will be attributed to you in our reporting.
- ***You should only take part in this interview if you feel free and willing to do so***.

Contact for further information

I hope that this information sheet has provided you with all the necessary details before deciding to take part in the interview. If you have any queries at all about the interview please contact Julie Callaghan on (02) 8374 5623 or julie.callaghan@health.nsw.gov.au . For more information about the Canrefer program please contact Peter Murray on peter.murray2@health.nsw.gov.au.