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## **Cancer52 response**

### **To publication of National Cancer Intelligence Network research on Routes to Diagnosis**

[Cancer52](#)<sup>i</sup> welcomes the publication of National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) research on Routes to Diagnosis (RtD)<sup>ii</sup> for 55 cancer sites or groups, including some 30 less common and rare cancers and Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP).

Allyson Kaye, MBE, Chair of Cancer52, said "This NCIN Routes to Diagnosis study is really helpful because this work spans such a wide range of types of rare and less common cancers. It gives our 70 member charities the opportunity to look at data specific to the type of cancer they work with, and gives guidance on where more work is needed to help move people towards the routes to diagnoses that result in better survival rates."

"It's not going to be possible with all cancer types to improve survival based purely on Route to Diagnosis, but for many an earlier diagnosis can result in higher survival rates and reduce the stress caused to a patient in remaining undiagnosed."

"Recent figures show that whilst 46.5% of all cancers diagnosed are outside the 'big four' of breast, bowel, lung and prostate, they account for 53.5% of cancer deaths<sup>iii</sup>. How cancers are diagnosed is important because the emergency presentation route is associated with poorer survival."

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Further information

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<sup>i</sup>Cancer52 is an alliance of 70 cancer charities working in the rare and less common cancer field.

<sup>ii</sup> New research on routes to cancer diagnosis by Public Health England's (PHE) National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) published on 23rd January 2014 – link [http://ncin.org.uk/publications/routes\\_to\\_diagnosis](http://ncin.org.uk/publications/routes_to_diagnosis)

<sup>iii</sup> Source <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-info/cancerstats/>