

Big Cancer52 Conversation – Manchester, 16th March 2026

Time	Session
10.30-11.00	Registration and networking
11.00-11.20	Welcome and launch of Cancer52's State of the Nation report Chris Walden, CEO, Cancer52
11.20-12.00	No cancer too rare: State of Nation 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Sasha Daly, Director of Policy, Cancer52 • Rachel Downing, Head of Policy and Campaigns, Target Ovarian Cancer • Sonia Malik, Associate Director – Policy, Influencing and Voice, Young Lives vs Cancer • Blossom Bell, CEO, MDS UK • Patrick De Barr, Oncology Medical Head, GSK UK
12.00-12.30	National Cancer Plan for England: Priorities and progress Shane Cohen-Murray, Head of Cancer Strategy, Department for Health and Social Care
12.30-1.30	Lunch and networking
1.30-2.15	What the Cancer Plan tells us about the future of the NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Chris Walden, CEO, Cancer52 • Charles Kwaku-Odoi, CEO, Caribbean and African Health Network (CAHN) • Luvjit Kandula, Director of Strategy and Pharmacy Transformation, Community Pharmacy Greater Manchester • Professor Sean Duffy, Chief Medical Officer, Pinpoint Data Science
2.15-2.45	Breakout session Signals of success: How will we know that the cancer plan is working for rare and less common cancers?
2.45-3.00	Refreshment break
3.00-3.45	Keynote speech Dr Neil Bayman, Executive Medical Director, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
3.45-4.00	Close Chris Walden, CEO, Cancer52

We are grateful to GSK and The National Lottery Community Fund who have provided funding towards this event. Our sponsors have had no involvement in the event's creation or organisation.