

Cancer52 Inequalities Policy

We believe all people with cancer must receive the best possible diagnosis, treatment and care, no matter who they are, where they live or the type of cancer that they have been diagnosed with.

As Cancer52 we start from a position of inequality as people diagnosed with rare and less common cancers are more likely to have poorer outcomes than those with one of the four more common cancers (bowel, breast, lung and prostate).

People with rare and less common cancers can face inequalities in care and outcomes across their cancer journey. They can experience inequalities due to their sex, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic group or where they live or the type of cancer that they have been diagnosed with.

Cancer52's board have agreed to work towards placing reducing inequalities at the heart of everything we do, and we are currently working on how that principle might be delivered in our everyday work.

In the interim our first and very significant step is to make tackling inequalities in rare and less common cancers the central theme of our annual conference in Autumn 2022.

Our next step is to develop key questions to ask ourselves every time we embark on a new project or outreach to determine what steps we have taken to reduce inequalities in the work we are doing.

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