

# THE BIG cancer52 CONVERSATION

## Agenda | 24th June 2025

10.00-11.00	<b>Arrival, registration and Marketplace</b>
11.00-11.10	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Chris Walden</b> , CEO, Cancer52 <b>Mairi Dillon</b> , Associate Director, Science Ecosystem, Canary Wharf Group
11.10-11.35	<b>The Rare Cancers Bill</b> <b>Chair: Dr Michele Afif</b> , CEO, The Brain Tumour Charity <b>Dr Scott Arthur MP</b> , Sponsor of the Rare Cancers Bill
11.35-12.00	<b>Keynote speech</b> <b>Natalie Berry</b> , Senior Adviser to the Chief Executive, The King's Fund
12.00-12.35	<b>Panel 1. The National Cancer Plan: Where next for rare and less common cancers?</b> <b>Chair: Rachel Downing</b> , Head of Policy and External Affairs, Target Ovarian Cancer and Chair of Cancer52's Policy & Public Affairs Steering Group <b>Rubina Ahmed</b> , Director of Research, Policy and Services, Blood Cancer UK <b>Richard Davidson</b> , CEO, Sarcoma UK <b>Tamara Kahn</b> , CEO, Oracle Head and Neck Cancer UK
12.35-14.00	<b>Lunch and Marketplace stalls</b>

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14.00-14.25	<p><b>Panel 2. Unlocking potential: How research can transform outcomes for people with rare and less common cancers now and in the future</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sophie Castell</b>, Chief Executive, Myeloma UK <b>Helen Bennis</b>, Senior Director: Insights, Healthcare, Gender Equity, Ipsos <b>Dr Louise Carter</b>, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and Manchester Cancer Research Centre <b>Dr Jennifer Harris</b>, UK Policy Lead, AstraZeneca UK</p>
14.25-15.00	<p><b>Breakout session (refreshments available)</b></p>
15.00-15.25	<p><b>Keynote speech</b></p> <p><b>Clive Jones MP</b>, cancer survivor and the first MP to call for a national cancer strategy</p>
15.25-15.50	<p><b>Panel 3. Speaking up, shaping change: Putting patient voices at the heart of progress on rare and less common cancers</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Barbara Fountain</b>, CEO, Young Tongues <b>Judith Neptial</b>, Founder of From Me To You – The Art of Survival <b>Carys Cox</b>, Teenage Cancer Trust Youth Advisory Group</p>
15.50-16.00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>
16.00-17.00	<p><b>Space available for networking</b></p>



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