

The NHS in the East of England and in North London is reviewing the Mount Vernon Cancer services.

Many of the buildings are not in a good state of repair, there are limited support facilities on the site, and concerns have been raised in relation to the long-term clinical sustainability of the Cancer Centre, which treats people from across Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, North West London and Thames Valley.

To decide what the best options might be for the future, we are looking at each cancer pathway and want to hear from patients and carers about what does and does not work well for you, and what your priorities would be.

We also need your input into decisions we need to make about the location of additional radiotherapy services for the North Hertfordshire and South Bedfordshire populations, and the way the whole service is organised.

We want to gather as many views as possible because we need to make the best possible changes.

There are many different ways you can get involved, and we will be adding more ways in the coming weeks. Due to the risks of Covid-19, we are not able to hold face to face workshops so many of our activities will take place online. Over the next few pages, you can find out what online events and focus groups are taking place. You can see all these events on the Mount Vernon Cancer Services Review website where you can book to attend an event through the Eventbrite booking system. The link is: <https://mvccreview.nhs.uk/>

However, if you do not have access to a computer or smart phone, or aren't able to take part in online workshops for other reasons, we will also be offering other ways to get involved, so please keep an eye out.

Online Events:

Update on the Review	Haemo-Oncology Focus Group
Breast Cancer Focus Group	Satellite Radiotherapy Focus Group
Prostate Cancer Focus Group	Clinical Model and Estate Focus Group
Head and Neck Cancer Focus Group	Pathway Feedback Events

Mount Vernon Cancer Services Review: Update on the Review of Cancer Services and timescale for change

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Thursday	22nd October	1pm-2pm	TEAMS	Anyone—patients, carers, public
Thursday	22nd October	6.30pm-7.30pm	ZOOM	Anyone—patients, carers, public
Friday	23rd October	1pm-2pm	ZOOM	Anyone—patients, carers, public
Tuesday	17th November	6pm-7pm	ZOOM	Anyone—patients, carers, public
Wednesday	18th November	10am-11am	TEAMS	Anyone—patients, carers, public

What this is:

A live webinar style event where you can learn the latest about the review, and ask questions by submitting them in advance, or by using the chat box. There are three of these events—each one will cover the same topics so you only need to attend one. They are arranged at different times to ensure as many people who want to attend can attend, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform. There is no limit on numbers for these events.

What this is NOT:

This is not a workshop to design new services, or a vote on any options.

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Breast Cancer Pathway: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Monday	2nd November	10am—11.30am	TEAMS	Breast Cancer patients and carers
Thursday	5th November	12pm—1.30pm	ZOOM	Breast Cancer patients and carers
Saturday	7th November	10am-11.30am	ZOOM	Breast Cancer patients and carers
Tuesday	10th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Breast Cancer patients and carers
Friday	13th November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Breast Cancer patients and carers

What this is:

An online focus group for people who are, or have been breast cancer patients at Mount Vernon, or their carers. It will look at what does not work well about how the breast cancer services are organised, what does work well and what your priorities would be for an outstanding service in the future. Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five breast cancer pathway focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, or a discussion on where the services might be located.

Prostate Cancer Pathway: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Monday	2nd November	12pm—1.30pm	TEAMS	Prostate patients and carers
Thursday	5th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Prostate patients and carers
Saturday	7th November	2pm—3.30pm	ZOOM	Prostate patients and carers
Tuesday	10th November	10am—11.30am	ZOOM	Prostate patients and carers
Wednesday	11th November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Prostate patients and carers

What this is:

An online focus group for people who are, or have been prostate cancer patients at Mount Vernon, or their carers. It will look at what does not work well about how the prostate cancer services are organised, what does work well and what your priorities would be for an outstanding service in the future. Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five prostate cancer pathway focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, or a discussion on where the services might be located.

Head and Neck Pathway: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Tuesday	3rd November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Head and Neck patients and carers
Friday	6th November	12pm—1.30pm	ZOOM	Head and Neck patients and carers
Saturday	7th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Head and Neck patients and carers
Monday	9th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Head and Neck patients and carers
Wednesday	11th November	10am—11.30am	TEAMS	Head and Neck patients and carers

What this is:

An online focus group for people who are, or have been Head and Neck cancer patients at Mount Vernon, or their carers. It will look at what does not work well about how the head and neck cancer services are organised, what does work well and what your priorities would be for an outstanding service in the future. Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five head and neck cancer pathway focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, or a discussion on where the services might be located.

Haemo-Oncology Pathway: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Wednesday	4th November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Haemo-Oncology patients and carers
Monday	9th November	10am—11.30am	ZOOM	Haemo-Oncology patients and carers
Wednesday	11th November	12pm—1.30pm	TEAMS	Haemo-Oncology patients and carers
Thursday	12th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Haemo-Oncology patients and carers
Saturday	14th November	2pm—3.30pm	ZOOM	Haemo-Oncology patients and carers

What this is:

An online focus group for people who are, or have been haemo-oncology cancer patients at Mount Vernon, or their carers. It will look at what does not work well about how the haemo-oncology cancer services are organised, what does work well and what your priorities would be for an outstanding service in the future. Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five haemo-oncology cancer pathway focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, or a discussion on where the services might be located.

Satellite Radiotherapy: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Monday	2nd November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Herts and Beds patients, carers, public
Tuesday	3rd November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Herts and Beds patients, carers, public
Thursday	5th November	10am-11.30am	ZOOM	Herts and Beds patients, carers, public
Monday	9th November	12pm—1.30pm	TEAMS	Herts and Beds patients, carers, public
Saturday	14th November	10am-11.30am	ZOOMS	Herts and Beds patients, carers, public

What this is:

An online focus group for people who live in, or near, central and northern Hertfordshire, and southern and central Bedfordshire, especially those who have experienced radiotherapy treatment as patients or carers. The focus group will look at what is important in a radiotherapy service, and what we do and do not need to consider in choosing a location for a new radiotherapy service in the area, which would be in addition to radiotherapy services at the new Mount Vernon cancer centre.

Participants will see the modelling work which shows what might happen to patient numbers if a new service was introduced in different places, to help consider how best to improve access to radiotherapy for people in this area. Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five satellite radiotherapy focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, or a focus group on the location of the new Mount Vernon Cancer centre.

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Cancer Centre Model and Estate: Redesign Focus Groups

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Monday	2nd November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Patients, carers, public
Thursday	5th November	2pm—3.30pm	TEAMS	Patients, carers, public
Thursday	12th November	12pm—1.30pm	ZOOM	Patients, carers, public
Friday	13th November	10am-11.30am	TEAMS	Patients, carers, public
Saturday	14th November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Patients, carers, public

What this is:

An online focus group for people living in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, North West London and Thames Valley, especially those who are being, or have been treated at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, or their carers.

An independent clinical review showed that to provide the best cancer care, the main cancer services needed to be located on a hospital site that had other services like intensive care. They cannot remain on the existing Mount Vernon site as this does not have the necessary services. This focus group will be to hear from patients what you think the advantages and disadvantages of different ways of doing this—such as moving the whole service onto a different site (not in central London) and creating a specialist cancer centre that can do some of the things patients currently have to travel into London for, or moving most of the service to a different site (not in central London), but leaving some services where they are, or on a different hospital site, or building a specialist cancer centre on a different site (not in central London), and developing some more local or mobile services across the area that can be run by the specialist centre.

Each focus group will have a limited number of places so we can have a good discussion. There will be five model and estates focus groups but you only need to attend one as they will all be the same. They are arranged on different days and at different times, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform.

What this is NOT:

A general update on the review, a debate about whether to agree with the clinical experts or not, or a vote on a future site.

Mount Vernon Cancer Services Review: Pathway Feedback Events

Day	Date	Time	Online Platform	Suitable For
Monday	23rd November	1pm-2.30pm	TEAMS	Patients, carers, public
Monday	23rd November	6.30pm-8pm	ZOOM	Patients, carers, public
Tuesday	24th November	10am-11.30am	ZOOM	Patients, carers, public
Friday	27th November	12pm-1.30pm	TEAMS	Patients, carers, public

What this is:

A workshop style event where you can hear what patient views we have gathered at all the events, and how we are using those views. You can add comments, and if you were unable to participate in any of the events, you can give your views on the subject that interests you. We will also talk to you about the next steps in the review, when you might hear what the options will be, and how you will be able to give your feedback on those options.

There are four of these events—each one will cover the same topics so you only need to attend one. They are arranged at different times to ensure as many people who want to attend can attend, and use either Teams or Zoom so you can choose your preferred video conferencing platform. There is no limit on numbers for these events.

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