**FEASIBILITY OF PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PPI) IN ALL ASPECTS OF ESTABLISHING A SURVIVORSHIP PROGRAMME**

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**Introduction**

The patient voice in research is imperative. Those who have lived experience of a disease treatment have a unique lens in recommending improvements to a service. In 2020, three UCD teaching hospitals in Dublin were successful in securing funding from the Irish Cancer Society Women’s Health Initiative (WHI). The WHI aims to improve health and wellbeing for women during the survivorship journey. This programme aims to include the patient voice in all aspects of the project.

**Methodology**

With the help of PPI, the team identified four key projects:

The Menopause After Cancer Study (MAC Study). A multi model approach addressing vasomotor symptoms for women not suitable for HRT.

The thisisGO.ie virtual platform. Personalised online platform for patients, partners and Health Care professionals.

The Gynecological Oncology Cancer Centre (The GO Cancer Centre) a multidisciplinary nurse lead survivorship clinic.

The Diagnosis Delivery Study Supporting patients from diagnosis with an information card and image.

**Results**

The Programme has been influenced by PPI in all of its projects. We have found that PPI has provided rich context to the projects. Feedback so far has been positive but ongoing. We have identified a potential limitation of PPI. PPI self-select areas of interest to them only. This affects how comprehensive any PPI may be and places an onus to recruit individuals with differing treatment experiences, which can be challenging.

**Conclusion**

PPI is an essential element in approaching the development of any new clinical service, within the cancer sphere or otherwise.

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