

Can people with cancer access the best treatment in East Worthing and Shoreham?

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Radiotherapy, surgery and chemotherapy are all used to treat people with cancer; this can be in combination and will depend on their specific diagnosis.

We pioneer research into all forms of treatment. Emerging evidence¹ suggests that one reason that UK cancer outcomes lag behind other comparable countries is variation in access to appropriate treatments. Addressing these discrepancies and helping patients get the best cancer treatment would have a big impact on patient survival in the UK.

4,278
cancer cases
per year²

2,265
cancer deaths
per year³

Former West Sussex PCT.

Compared to average: Better Similar Worse

Radiotherapy

Your nearest radiotherapy centre is Brighton Radiotherapy Centre

Experts believe that radiotherapy is responsible for around **4 in 10 cases where cancer is cured**⁴

Cancer Research UK has recently published our 'Vision for Radiotherapy' report with NHS England⁵ – we would like to see a clear implementation plan to achieve this vision published as soon as possible.

Waiting for radiotherapy⁶



A lower proportion of patients (**95.5%**) in NHS Coastal West Sussex CCG received their radiotherapy within 31 days of first treatment compared to the national average (**97.5%**).

Timely access to treatment is crucial to saving lives: in England, meeting radiotherapy waiting time targets saves 2500 lives a year.

You could ask NHS Coastal West Sussex CCG what they are doing to improve access to radiotherapy and plan for the future.

Patient experience⁷



75.8% of patients in Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust said that staff definitely did everything possible to control side effects of their radiotherapy. This is similar to the national average (**79.0%**).

Advanced techniques such as Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) are more targeted and reduce side effects. We strongly support the Prime Minister's 2012 commitment that, in England, advanced radiotherapy should be available to all patients who could benefit.

Age of equipment⁸

Brighton Radiotherapy Centre had **2** linear accelerator(s) ('LINACs') 8 years old or older in 2012. LINACs should be replaced after 10 years.

You could ask Brighton Radiotherapy Centre whether they have appropriate replacement plans to update their equipment.

Lung cancer patients receiving radiotherapy^{9,a}

The percentage of patients receiving radiotherapy for lung cancer in Worthing Hospital (Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) (**25.7%**) is similar to the national average (**29.6%**).

Access to the best treatment improves cancer survival.

The data in this summary refer to Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust, NHS Coastal West Sussex CCG and the former West Sussex PCT. We have chosen data most relevant to your constituency. The following CCG(s) cover your area: NHS Coastal West Sussex. **June 2014.**

Surgery

Experts believe that surgery is responsible for around **5 in 10 cases where cancer is cured**¹⁰

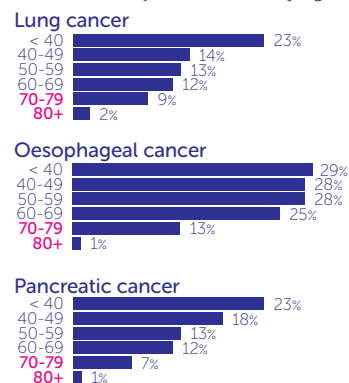
Access to surgery^{11, 12}

29.6% of patients aged 70+ years receive surgery for certain cancers^b combined in England, compared to **54.9%** of patients aged 69 and under.

6.3% of patients aged 70+ receive surgery for lung, pancreatic and oesophageal cancer in England.

We would like to see increased access to surgery for older people (where this is clinically appropriate and the patient's preference).

■ % of major resections, by age



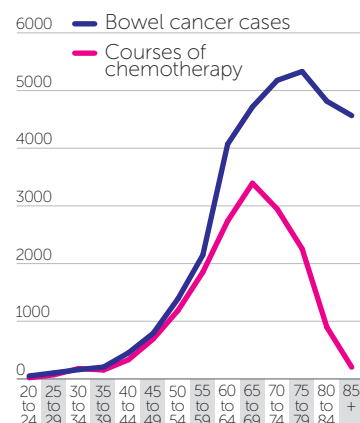
Chemotherapy

We need a long-term solution to ensure all patients across the UK can access effective cancer drugs.

Older people receiving chemotherapy^{13,c}

31.7% of patients aged 70+ years receive chemotherapy for Bowel Cancer in England, compared to **75.4%** of patients aged 20-69.

We would like to see increased access to chemotherapy for older people (where this is clinically appropriate and the patient's preference).



Cancer Drugs Fund¹⁴

The Cancer Drugs Fund received **19,282** applications for all drugs between April 2013 - March 2014. **4,725** of these were from the South of England.

We need more data on outcomes from the Cancer Drugs Fund to be able to assess its impact. We believe there should be a long-term, sustainable solution to ensure all patients across the UK can access effective cancer drugs.

Data

Measures are referred to as 'similar' when the difference from the average is not statistically significant.

This profile has been compiled using existing data – we think it is important to know how well our cancer treatments are doing and for this we need better data.



You could ask Public Health England how they will ensure timely access to data for research and analysis.

Notes

- a. Variation may be due to clinical factors. Any type of treatment recorded for **89.4%** of patients.
- b. Based on Stomach (C16); Liver (C22); Colorectal (C18-20); Breast (C50); Cervix (C53); Uterus (C54-55); Ovary (C56); Prostate (C61); Kidney (C64-66&68); Bladder (C67); Lung (C33-C44); Pancreas (C25); Oesophagus (C15)
- c. Data refers to NHS activity only and excludes endocrine therapy. An estimated **86%** of providers submitted data for the period April 2012-April 2013. Total number of courses of chemotherapy may be reported as exceeding the total number of new cancer cases due to patients receiving treatment for cancers diagnosed prior to 2011.

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