

Radiotherapy Patient Experience Survey 2014

Results for Edinburgh Cancer Centre



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Introduction

This report gives a summary of the results of the Radiotherapy Patient Experience Survey 2014 for Edinburgh Cancer Centre

Survey questionnaires were distributed to 650 patients who underwent a final radiotherapy treatment at Edinburgh Cancer Centre between 10/03/2014 and 06/06/2014.

The survey asked questions about people's experiences of consent, information received before radiotherapy treatment, website information, radiotherapy treatment, information given about support, information following treatment and overall radiotherapy care.

You can find a copy of the survey at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Health>

376 Edinburgh Cancer Centre patients returned feedback on their experiences. Of those patients willing to provide information about themselves:

- 1% were aged 16-34; 36% were aged 35-64; and 64% were aged 65 and over.
- 59% did not have any limiting illness or disability.
- 42% were male and 58% were female.

The survey was commissioned by the Scottish Government as part of the Scottish Care Experience Survey Programme, which aims to use the public's experiences of health and care services to improve those services. The survey fieldwork was carried out by Quality Health Ltd, a care experience survey contractor.

The results of the survey will be used by Edinburgh Cancer Centre, and the Scottish Government to improve the quality of healthcare in Scotland by focusing on the areas that patients tell us are important to them and where they consider improvements could be made.

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<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Services/Cancer> or contact: CancerDeliveryTeamMailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Summary of Results

The tables below summarise the top and bottom responses and the significant differences from Scotland for this Radiotherapy Centre. The left hand tables show the top 5 responses (highest percent positive scores in green) and bottom 5 responses (highest percent negative scores in red). The right hand tables show the largest significant differences above and below the Scottish average.

Top Bottom 5 | Highest / Lowest Responses

Top 5 Responses (highest % positive scores)

Question	Score
Found hospital website information helpful	100%
Rating of environment in the treatment room	100%
Rating of environment in the department as a whole	100%
Overall rating of care	99%
Given the opportunity to ask questions before giving consent	99%

Bottom 5 Responses (highest % negative scores)

Question	Score
Invited to Radiotherapy department to be given information/explanation before starting treatment	20%
Hospital staff gave information about support or self-help groups for people with cancer	22%
Told could communicate with the radiographers outside the room during treatment	25%
Told about local cancer information and support service	27%
Given written information about what to expect in the few weeks following treatment and post treatment care	34%

Top Bottom 5 | Largest significant differences above and below Scottish average

Largest Significant Differences Above Scotland

Question	Centre	+/- Scotland
Easy to park if patient travelled by car	92%	+36%
Had regular formal review of treatment	89%	+15%
Given written information about what to expect in the few weeks following treatment and post treatment care	66%	+10%
Changing facilities allowed patient to maintain their dignity	86%	+9%
Informed of any delays	77%	+8%

Largest Significant Differences Below Scotland

Question	Centre	+/- Scotland
<i>No further negative significant differences identified</i>		
<i>No further negative significant differences identified</i>		
<i>No further negative significant differences identified</i>		
<i>No further negative significant differences identified</i>		
<i>No further negative significant differences identified</i>		

1.0 Rated Results - Notes on Interpretation

The tables and charts below show how positively or negatively patients treated within this Radiotherapy Centre responded to questions within the 2014 survey. For each question, the percentages of positive, partly positive, neutral and negative responses are shown along with the total percentage of positive responses. A comparison to the Scotland 2014 result is also shown.

Notes on Interpretation

Number of responses - the number of patients within this Radiotherapy Centre who provided a valid response to this question. Note that patients who indicated that a question was not relevant, or who did not know the answer, are not included in the results.

Response - the percentage of positive, partly positive, neutral and negative responses received for this question within this Radiotherapy Centre. For example when asked if they were happy with the overall amount of information given before starting radiotherapy, the percentage positive refers to patients who said it was excellent or satisfactory. Where patients said it was poor or very poor these responses have been counted as negative. The coloured bars illustrate the percentage positive as green (darker green being entirely positive and lighter green being partly positive), and the percentage negative as red. Where answers were neither positive nor negative (neutral) the percentage is shown in yellow. Note that results have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage and this occasionally results in the sum of positive, neutral and negative percentages not adding up to exactly 100%; this is not an error.

% Positive 2014 - the percent positive result; the total percentage of patients who responded positively (very positive + partially positive) to this question within this Radiotherapy Centre.

Difference from Scotland 2014 - the difference between this Radiotherapy Centre's percent positive result and the equivalent result for NHS Scotland in 2014 (for example, -2 means that the result for this Radiotherapy Centre in 2014 is two percentage points lower than for Scotland as a whole).

^s Indicates a statistically significant difference between the percent positive result for this Radiotherapy Centre and that of Scotland as a whole.

Question	Number of responses	Response				% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral	Negative		
1.1 Rated Results - Consent							
1. Understood the benefits of radiotherapy	369					78	+2
2. Understood what the side-effects of radiotherapy were	369					64	-1
3. Given the opportunity to ask questions before giving consent	355					99	+1
4. Satisfied with answers received to questions	339					86	+1
5. Had confidence in doctors or other health professional who took consent for radiotherapy	366					92	-0
6. Treated with dignity and respect by the doctor or other health professional who took consent for radiotherapy	372					96	-0

Question	Number of responses	Response				% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral	Negative		
1.2 Rated Results - Information Before Radiotherapy Treatment							
7. Given/sent written information by a member of staff	348					84	-2
8. Information/arrangements for first appointment easy to understand	372					91	+1
9. Told about local cancer information and support service	321					73	+0
10. Overall amount of information given before starting radiotherapy	371					98	+0
11. Invited to Radiotherapy department to be given information/explanation before starting treatment pt1	274					80	+3
11. Found information/explanation given helpful pt2	274					97	-1

1.3 Rated Results - Website Information

13. Found hospital website information helpful	51			100	+1
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Question	Number of responses	Response				% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral	Negative		
1.4 Rated Results - About Your Radiotherapy							
16. Told how many radiotherapy treatments probably needed	376	98%				98	+1
17. Told how long in total course of radiotherapy treatment would last	375	97%				97	+1
18. Plan of treatment clearly explained by a member of staff	375	92%			8%	92	+2
19. Given information to help manage side effects of treatment	368	75%		22%		75	+2
20. Information given by radiographer at treatment visit the same as that given by doctor/radiographer at clinic visit	345	86%			14%	86	-2
21. Someone in the hospital to talk to about worries or fears	302	98%				98	+1

Question	Number of responses	Response				% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral	Negative		
1.5 Rated Results - Daily Treatment Visits							
23. Easy to park if patient travelled by car	231					92	+36 ^s
24. How soon after appointment time radiotherapy started	323					84	-2
25. Informed of any delays	318					77	+8 ^s
26. pt1 Rating of environment in the waiting room	369					97	-2
26. pt2 Rating of environment in the treatment room	369					100	+0
26. pt3 Rating of environment in the department as a whole	367					100	+0
27. Changing facilities allowed patient to maintain their dignity	357					86	+9 ^s
28. Told could communicate with the radiographers outside the room during treatment	314					75	+2
29. Staff took adequate care when helping patient into right position for treatment	369					98	+1
30. Had opportunity to discuss any questions with radiographer	360					87	+2
32. Had regular formal review of treatment	356					89	+15 ^s

Question	Number of responses	Response			% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral		
1.6 Rated Results - Information About Support						
33. Hospital staff gave information about support or self-help groups for people with cancer	209				78	-4
1.7 Rated Results - Following Treatment						
35. Patient given a number to call if any problems in relation to their radiotherapy	353				85	-2
36. Patient knows arrangements for next visit	363				87	+2
37. Given written information about what to expect in the few weeks following treatment and post treatment care	356				66	+10 ^s

Question	Number of responses	Response				% Positive 2014	Difference from Scotland 2014
		Positive	Partly Positive	Neutral	Negative		
1.8 Rated Results - Your Overall Radiotherapy Care							
38. pt1 Given information at the start of radiotherapy	370	99%				99	+0
38. pt2 Overall rating of amount of information given at the start of radiotherapy	366	65%	34%			98	-0
39. Patient involved as much as wanted to be in decisions about care and treatment	365	76%	21%			76	+2
40. Patient felt that staff took account of what mattered to them	370	93%			6%	93	+2
41. Patient felt that staff treated them with compassion and understanding during treatment	373	97%				97	+0
42. Overall rating of care	371	98%				99	-0

Chapter 2: Information Questions

The tables below show results for questions that did not fit into the percent positive format used elsewhere within this report. These tables show the percentage of patients within this Radiotherapy Centre who selected each response option when answering these questions. The overall results from Scotland 2014 are also shown.

2.1. Website Information

	Centre 2014		Scotland 2014	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
12. Did you look for information about radiotherapy on the cancer centre or hospital website where you had your radiotherapy?				
Yes	51	14%	219	16%
No	313	86%	1,142	84%
Missing	12		42	
14. If you did not look at the cancer centre or hospital website, was this because:				
Didn't need to	105	35%	362	32%
Didn't want to	65	21%	204	18%
Didn't know there was any information on the website	58	19%	208	19%
No internet access	66	22%	290	26%
Some other reason	9	3%	53	5%
Missing	73		286	

2.2. About Your Radiotherapy

	Centre 2014		Scotland 2014	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
15. Did you have the majority of your radiotherapy as an inpatient or as an outpatient?				
I had the majority of my radiotherapy as an inpatient	43	11%	148	11%
I had the majority of my radiotherapy as an outpatient	333	89%	1,246	89%
Don't know / Can't remember	0	0%	0	0%
Missing	0		9	

2.3. Daily Treatment Visits

	Centre 2014		Scotland 2014	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
22. How did you usually get to the hospital where you had your radiotherapy?				
By car	242	69%	960	74%
By public transport (bus, train, taxi)	49	14%	158	12%
By ambulance / hospital transport	55	16%	156	12%
I walked / cycled	4	1%	23	2%
Missing	26		106	
31. During your last course of radiotherapy, how many treatments (sometimes called visits or fractions) did you have?				
1 - 5	62	17%	336	25%
5 - 10	33	9%	99	7%
More than 10	259	72%	882	65%
Don't know / Can't remember	6	2%	38	3%
Missing	16		48	

2.4. Information About Support

	Centre 2014		Scotland 2014	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
34. If yes, what type of groups were you given information about?				
General cancer support groups in my area	118	31%	551	39%
Missing	258		852	
Support groups for my specific type of cancer in my area	58	15%	192	14%
Missing	318		1,211	
National cancer charities	47	13%	202	14%
Missing	329		1,201	
Other groups	16	4%	85	6%
Missing	360		1,318	

Chapter 3: Demographic Questions

The tables below show a number of socio-demographic characteristics of patients who responded to the survey in 2014. These tables show the percentage of patients within this Radiotherapy Centre who selected each response option when answering these questions. The overall results from Scotland 2014 are also shown.

	Centre 2014		Scotland 2014	
	Number of respondents	Percentage	Number of respondents	Percentage
43. Age Band				
16 - 34	2	1%	11	1%
35 - 54	51	14%	176	14%
55 - 64	80	22%	320	22%
65+	234	64%	851	64%
Missing	9		45	

44. Are you male or female?

Male	157	42%	585	43%
Female	213	58%	786	57%
Missing	6		32	

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