

Coming Together for Cancer

Sharing experiences · Shaping services · Supporting wellbeing

FREE EVENT · All welcome · No booking required

Wednesday 1st July 2026 · 10:00am – 3:00pm · The Riverside Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QR

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

10:00am	Welcome & registration Arrive, sign in and enjoy teas and coffees. Provider information stalls open throughout the day. Wellbeing taster sessions available in the Carisbrooke Room throughout.
10:00 – 10:45	Introduction & opening address Introduction to the cancer services review and its findings, followed by the formal opening of the event by the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Nigel Hartley.
10:45 – 12:00	Panel discussion & Q&A Senior health professionals and commissioners discuss the review findings. Panellists include representatives from St Mary's Hospital, NHS Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB, and Wessex Cancer Alliance. This is your chance to ask questions directly.
12:00 – 12:30	Networking & information stalls Free time to connect with fellow attendees, explore provider stalls from organisations including Mountbatten Isle of Wight and local cancer support groups, and visit the wellbeing room.
12:30 – 1:30pm	Afternoon tea A free lunch of sandwiches, cakes and refreshments served in the Little London room. A chance to relax, connect and continue conversations.
1:45 – 2:15pm	Sing for Life — live choir workshop An interactive, participation-based musical session led by Sing for Life Choir (Wessex Cancer Support Trust). Everyone is welcome to join in — no experience needed.
2:20 – 2:40pm	Thank you & closing remarks A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the review, attended the event, and made it possible. Next steps and the September follow-up event will be outlined.
2:40 – 3:00pm	Final networking & close Final opportunity to connect with fellow attendees, stall holders and the team. Event closes at 3:00pm.

ROOMS AT THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE

Trafalgar Hall	Main programme — presentations, panel discussion, choir workshop and closing session
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Little London	Information & support stalls (open throughout) and afternoon tea lunch
Carisbrooke Room	Wellbeing taster sessions — open throughout the day (reflexology, sound bath and more)

ABOUT THE EVENT

Healthwatch Isle of Wight has spent several months listening to Island residents about their experiences of cancer services. More than 229 people responded to the survey, sharing honest and detailed accounts of what it is like to receive cancer care on the Isle of Wight — from first noticing symptoms through to life after treatment.

The findings are being shared publicly for the first time today. A follow-up event in September 2026 will report on what has been implemented. Please register your email address at the sign-in desk to receive updates.

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