

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre consultation – survey, events and micro grants to host community conversations.

Members of the public, patients, staff and stakeholders are being asked for their views on proposals to relocate the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre to a new, purpose-built facility next to Watford General Hospital. This will provide access to essential acute medical services, enhanced research opportunities and a new unit to allow specialist inpatient and outpatient haematology care.

Local services will also be expanded:

- Increased availability of chemotherapy at home for eligible patients.
- More diagnostic services and blood tests at local hospitals. •
- A new chemotherapy unit at Hillingdon Hospital and expanded chemotherapy services at Northwick Park Hospital.
- An additional radiotherapy unit at either Lister Hospital (Stevenage) or Luton & Dunstable Hospital to reduce travel times for patients in the north.

The online consultation can be found on the [Mount Vernon Cancer Services Review website](https://mvccreview.nhs.uk) (mvccreview.nhs.uk) and will close on **Sunday 29 March 2026**.

Below is a list of the current consultation events that have been organised, more in person meetings will be promoted as venues are confirmed. Or you can invite the team to your community or patient group meeting. [Contact Us\(External link\)](#)

Upcoming events

Date	Session Type	Topic	Location
Tues 10 Feb	Online - themed discussion	Patient Transport. This session explores what works well with regard to NHS and voluntary patient transport at the moment, with a discussion on how patient and voluntary transport could better meet the needs of patients in the future.	Online

Mon 16 Feb	Online - general discussion	General Discussion 5. Join us to find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Online
Mon 16 Feb	Online - themed discussion	Care Closer to home / Radiotherapy. This session will focus on how we can provide more care closer to where you live, discussing the elements of the proposal for additional services outside the main cancer centre.	Online
Tues 17 Feb	In Person (Welwyn Garden City)	General Discussion - Welwyn Garden City. If you live in or near Welwyn Garden City, come and find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	King George Suite Best Western Homestead Court Hotel Homestead Lane Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL7 4LX
Wed 18 Feb	Online Subject	Care Closer to home / Radiotherapy. This session will focus on how we can provide more care closer to where you live, discussing the elements of the proposal for additional services outside the main cancer centre.	Online
Thurs 19 Feb	In Person (Watford)	General Discussion - Watford. If you live in or near Watford, come and find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Inspiration 1 Village Hotel Watford Centennial Avenue Centennial Park Elstree Watford London WD6 3SB
Thurs 26 Feb	Online - general discussion	General Discussion 6. Join us to find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Online
Wed 4 Mar	Online - general discussion	General Discussion 7. Join us to find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Online

Wed 11 Mar	Online - general discussion	General Discussion 8. Join us to find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Online
Mon 23 Mar	Online - general discussion	General Discussion 9. Join us to find out more about the proposals and share your views on how they could be improved.	Online

Host a community conversation

The consultation team are inviting voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to help us reach people whose voices are often unheard in formal consultations. They are also offering **microgrants of £750** to organisations to host one structured community conversation (60–90 minutes) about proposed changes to cancer services.

Conversation window: 10 February – 29 March 2026

Report deadline: 2 April 2026

Why get involved?

- **Funding:** Receive **£750** for your organisation's time and costs.
- **Participant support:** **£15 thank-you payments** will be provided for each participant and access to a fund for travel, childcare, or interpretation.
- **Full support:** simple discussion guide and reporting template.

Join a webinar: Find out more at our online briefing on **12 February (10:00 – 11:00)**. We will walk through the support pack, the payment process, and how to run your session.

[Fill in the Expression of Interest Form](#)(External link)

For questions, contact: mountvernoncentre.microgrants@olovus.co.uk(External link)

Best wishes

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