

Professional Discussion Forum: Sexual Rehabilitation after Cancer



Sexual difficulties are amongst the most common and longest lasting side effects of cancer and cancer treatments. Unfortunately, specialist service provision in this area remains patchy and largely uni-disciplinary and individual HCPs can feel isolated and unsupported when trying to address this sensitive topic. To help to address this need, a **new professional discussion forum** focused on supporting staff to raise the topic of sexual difficulties with their patients has been created.

The group's aims are:

- To connect and support professionals working with cancer patients who have sexual problems
- To provide a safe and easily accessible place where cases can be discussed and advice or suggestions sought
- To enable access to the opinions of a multidisciplinary group of colleagues interested in the field
- To share information about upcoming events, literature searches, relevant documents and resources, other networks, etc

It is hoped that this will be a great source of support for many nurses and other professionals on the ground to bring cases/ask questions and get support as well as an opportunity for more experienced specialist staff to network and develop themselves.

To access the network, you will first need to register on the NHS Networks website, please log onto www.networks.nhs.uk/

- 1) To create an account with Networks – click on “join” at the top of the page
- 2) From there you only need to enter your name and email address
- 3) A email will be sent to you from Networks with your password reset
- 4) Once you have set your password, your account is ready and you will be able to join any of the NHS Networks available
- 5) To join this network, use the network finder from the home page or go directly to <http://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/sexual-rehabilitation-after-cancer/>
- 6) Once on the “Sexual Rehabilitation After Cancer” webpage, select ‘join network’
- 7) An email will be sent to the network administrator to approve the application. Once the application has been approved, you will be able to use the network.

Please contact websupport@networks.nhs.uk if you have not received your password within 24 hours and send a copy to darja.brandenburg@nhs.net

