



Limbo land



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A series of films that capture and share

- personal experiences of cancer patients, how they have felt during this time of uncertainty and what has helped .
- the stories of professionals and the support they offer.



How it happened

- At beginning of the year patient partners were asked what they would like to do along side the priorities of the Cancer Alliance
- They wanted to do a film “A day in the life of”
- Email from patient partner at 2am talking about being in limbo land
- Coincided with Personalised Care Programme looking at psychological support needs on a cancer pathway.
- Discussion with the Patient Working Together Group about what would help and what is missing which lead to the idea of a film on “limbo land”.
- Three of the Patient Working Together Group monthly meetings later, the format of the film, the prompts, who would be involved were finalised.
- Five volunteer patients and four professionals were involved.



And then

Initially

- One film to help support, reassure patients that they are not the only ones who feel anxious, frightened.....
- Enthusiasm from patients

During the filming

- Honesty and openness of patients
- Each patient had a different experience with similarities
- Too much to leave on cutting room floor
- Potential for series of films
- Getting the right videographer

Now

- Nine amazing films
- Realisation of how this is transferable to anyone waiting for test, results, treatment
- Realisation the need to share this as wide as possible
- Reaction from all that have seen them.



There's an awful lot of people with me in



Thank you

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