



Public Affairs Digest

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the NFWI *Public Affairs Digest*, an e-update on all the latest WI campaigning news, delivered directly to your inbox.

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The main priority for the NFWI is the safety and wellbeing of our members. If you haven't already, please visit [this link](#) for the latest, up to date government guidelines.

See more information about support [at the end of this Digest](#).



Have your say on the Government's 10-Year Cancer Plan

The Department of Health and Social Care is developing a 10-Year Cancer Plan to improve England's cancer services, and they are asking for evidence and ideas to help shape their plan.

As part of our See the Signs campaign, we are teaming up with Ovarian Cancer Action to create a single submission on behalf of the ovarian cancer community.

Help us tell the Government what's important to you by **completing this short survey.**

The survey covers topics including:

- The sources you go to for information on the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer
- Any ideas you have for how to raise greater awareness of the signs
- How confident you would feel recognising the signs and going to your GP if you experienced any
- What you would like to see prioritised over the next decade in ovarian cancer
- And about your personal experiences, if you have or have had ovarian cancer

The survey is open to everyone in the UK, the Isle of Man, Jersey, and Guernsey. You do not have to live in England to respond or have personal experiences of ovarian cancer.

We will use the responses we receive to inform our joint submission with Ovarian Cancer Action and future campaigning activity to increase awareness of the signs of ovarian cancer and help to ensure that more women receive an earlier diagnosis.

This is a key chance to raise awareness of the need for everyone to know the signs of ovarian cancer and to improve diagnosis. It is vital that as many members as possible share their views and experiences so that we can make a strong case to the government. Please share the link to the survey as widely as you can.

The survey will close on **27th March 2022**.

Please note that the timeline for the consultation on the 10-Year Cancer Plan was set by the government. We would ordinarily give members much longer to take part in surveys like this, but the government's timetable means that on this occasion we have a very limited window to gather feedback from members and submit our response. We appreciate your understanding regarding the timing of this activity.

If you have any questions about this survey or Ovarian Cancer Action's and the NFWI's joint submission, please contact Alexandra Barker (Senior Research and Campaigns Officer, NFWI) at [**a.barker@nfwi.org.uk**](mailto:a.barker@nfwi.org.uk)

To find out more about the Government's 10-Year Cancer Plan Consultation, [**click here.**](#)

VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP

Currently, the Nationality and Borders Bill is making its way through Parliament. Part 5 in the Nationality and Borders Bill is a cluster of measures which would make it harder for modern slavery victims to access support.

Please help by writing to your MP

You can help by contacting your MP using the [template letter found here](#).



PA Digest on My WI

Missed an issue of the Digest? You can now access previous issues on My WI.

[You can find them here.](#)

Support and help during pandemic

This can be a particularly difficult and worrying time for adults and children living with domestic abuse. [This link](#) will take you to a page of support sources, please share as widely as possible. It is important that survivors know that they are not alone.

This can also be a difficult and worrying time if you require additional

assistance. If you need emergency food or support you can find the contact details of your local food bank using your postcode [here](#).

If you are able to support your local food bank with donations or by volunteering, click here to visit the [FareShare website](#).

You can also visit [this section](#) of our website for information from the NFWI on ways you can help your community, sources of support and other helpful information such as setting up a virtual meeting.

We have a PDF versions of the digest available, that you can share with the people around you. Please [get in touch](#) with the Public Affairs department if you would like a copy.

Please also encourage other members of your WI to sign up to receive this monthly digest.

Kind regards,

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