

LEAP Advisory Group

Overview & Role Description

Program: National Cancer Navigation Service

Role type: Advisory

Term: Time-limited and reviewed as the service evolves

Participation: Supported participation, including sitting fees where applicable

About the National Cancer Navigation Service

The National Cancer Navigation Service is being developed to help people affected by cancer more easily connect with information, support and services at the right time.

The service is designed to work alongside existing cancer services and supports, with a focus on improving access, coordination and experience – particularly where inequities persist.

Purpose of the LEAP role

Members of the Lived Experience & Priority Populations Advisory Group (LEAP) provide lived-experience and equity-focused advice to support delivery of the National Cancer Navigation Service.

The role helps the program identify and reduce risks relating to:

- exclusion or unintended harm
- loss of trust or accessibility
- cultural unsafety or inequity

particularly for people and communities who experience disproportionate barriers within the cancer system.

LEAP is an advisory group. Final decisions remain with the program's established governance structures.

Priority populations

We are particularly interested in perspectives from people connected to one or more priority populations recognised in the Australian Cancer Plan, including:



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds
- people living in rural, regional and remote areas
- people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage
- people with disability
- LGBTIQ+ people
- older people
- children, adolescents and young adults
- people affected by rare and less common cancers
- families and carers

LEAP is designed to bring together a diversity of lived-experience perspectives over time, rather than represent all groups at all times.

What LEAP members may be asked to do

LEAP members may be invited to:

- provide advice on cancer navigation experiences and pathways
- review concepts, materials or proposed approaches
- identify accessibility, equity, cultural safety or trust risks
- highlight potential unintended impacts on priority populations
- contribute ideas to improve usability and access

Advice is sought at defined points aligned to delivery milestones, rather than through ongoing standing meetings.

Participation expectations

Participation is intended to be flexible and manageable.

Engagement may include:

- short online discussions or workshops
- reviewing and responding to specific materials
- providing feedback on targeted questions

Members are not expected to:



- approve decisions or services
 - represent an entire community or population group
 - share personal experiences unless they choose to
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Support and accessibility

We are committed to making participation respectful, safe and accessible.

Support may include:

- sitting fees or honoraria
- accessibility supports such as interpreters, captions or assistive technology
- flexibility for carers and participation needs
- trauma-informed engagement practices

Support needs can be discussed confidentially with the Secretariat.

Cultural safety and First Nations engagement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance and cultural safety are embedded across the program and advisory approach.

This includes:

- culturally safe engagement practices
- respect for cultural authority
- recognition of the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities

LEAP operates alongside broader engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and services.

How advice is used

Advice provided through LEAP is documented, synthesised and considered through the program's established governance and delivery processes.

Members will receive feedback on how insights and themes have informed delivery and decision-making where appropriate.



Term and review

Membership is time-limited and may evolve over time as delivery needs change.

The operation of LEAP will be reviewed periodically to ensure the group remains useful, inclusive and fit for purpose.

Role summary

LEAP members provide lived-experience and equity-focused advice to help improve accessibility, trust and inclusion within the National Cancer Navigation Service.