Note: This is the topic guide for nurses in the community setting

**Demographics** Please state your profession, grade, clinical area and number of years of experience.

How long have you been delivering oncology care in the community?

1. (**IF APPLICABLE)** Could you describe your experience of the oncology service in this area before the introduction of this programme?
   * No community service? Lack of support for patients/nurses?
2. How would you describe the training you undertook as part of this programme?
   * Any difficulties? Any learning experiences? Increased abilities/competence?
3. Are there any benefits to the nurses involved in the community oncology nursing programme?
   * Better career pathway? Increased professional competence? Personal involvement? Efficiency? Reduced time wasted? Cost?
4. How do you find the referral process from the liaison centre?
   * Admin challenge? Increased confidence from screening/integrated liaison?
5. Are there any benefits to the clients involved in the community oncology nursing programme?
   * Reduced travel? Comfort? Privacy? Quality of life?
6. Are there any challenges for the nurses delivering the community oncology nursing programme?
   * Lack of CRGN/other support? Time pressures? Travel? Lack of additional staff to cross-cover? Increased clinical case-load?
7. Are there any challenges for the clients receiving care as part of the community oncology programme?
8. Do you have any suggestions as to how this service could be improved?
   * Improve efficiency? Increased staffing/support? Improve Quality of care/life for clients?
9. Do you think any aspects of this programme could be implemented in other nursing areas?
10. All in all, what are your overall thoughts on the community oncology programme?
11. Is there anything else I haven’t asked you about the community oncology programme that you would like to mention?
12. Is there anything we’ve discussed that you would like to further expand upon?

That brings us to the end of the interview. Thank you for participating.

Note: This is the topic guide for patients

**Demographics :** How long have you been receiving oncology care?

What services do you receive as part of the community programme?

1. (**IF APPLICABLE)** Could you describe your experience of the oncology service in this area before the introduction of this programme?
   * Difficulties in travel? Lack of community support options?
2. What are your thoughts on receiving the service in the community as opposed to in hospital?
3. Are there any benefits of receiving the service in the community as opposed to in hospital?
   * Travel time? Convenience? Comfort? Quality of life?
4. Are there any challenges of receiving the service in the community as opposed to in hospital?
5. Do you have any suggestions as to how this service could be improved or expanded?

* More resources? Chemotherapy? More support for nurses?

1. Do you think a programme like this would be beneficial in other aspects of your medical care?
   * Other illness support? Increased nursing consultations?
2. Is there anything else I haven’t asked you about the community oncology programme that you would like to mention?
3. Is there any point that was raised that you would like to discuss further or expand upon?

That brings us to the end of the interview. Thank you for participating.

Note: This is the topic guide for nurses in the hospital setting

**Demographics:** Please state your profession, grade, clinical area and number of years of experience.

1. How would you describe your experience of working in the oncology day ward?
2. What are the benefits you feel as part of working in the oncology day ward?
   * Part of team? Experience of those around you? Extra support?
3. What are some of the common challenges you encounter as part of your work?

* Extra administration steps? Time pressure?

1. Are you aware of the community oncology care programme?
   * Yes=continue to 7. No=continue to 6
2. A community oncology nursing programme was developed in response to service pressures in acute medical oncology departments. The programme enables community nurses to provide nursing care to oncology patients at home/in community setting. The nurses complete a Level Nine University accredited education course. These nurses are then allowed to perform certain interventions for oncology patients in their own home which would previously have been delivered in the acute hospital setting. After referral from the day ward, regional nurses are assigned to patients and agree to meet them either in the patient’s home or a nearby public health centre. Patients are provided with their own waste bins and equipment for the procedures in the community.
3. Can you see any benefits of this programme?
   * Time saved for patient? Increased nurse competence/ability? Privacy of patient? Patient quality of life? Patient comfort?
4. Can you see any challenges of implementing this programme?
   * Anything about the hospital setting that improves standard of care? Increased burden on nurse? Increased admin?
5. Is there anything else I haven’t asked you about your work or the community oncology programme that you would like to mention?
6. Is there anything we’ve discussed you would like to expand upon?

That brings us to the end of the interview. Thank you for participating.