



Migrant Communities' Needs Assessment Information Sheet: Surveys, Interviews & Focus Groups

TASC is conducting research on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society, called *Migrant Communities' Needs Assessment*. The Irish Cancer Society has commissioned this research, and TASC will provide summarised anonymised findings to the Irish Cancer Society. The Irish Cancer Society will use the anonymised findings in different outputs such as policy papers, campaigns, fundraising, etc.

Thank you for your interest in sharing your experiences via interview, focus group and/or survey.

You must currently be 18 or older and living in Ireland to participate in the research. You can participate in the research if you have had some experience with the cancer prevention or cancer screening or cancer care pathway. If you have a disability (for example, a visual impairment) or otherwise need support participating this research, please contact research@tasc.ie or 01 616 9050.

Before you decide to participate in the research, please take the time to read the information below, which will explain why we are conducting this research and what it involves.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this research is to learn about the experiences of people with a migrant background of accessing healthcare services and cancer services in Ireland, and their understanding of the healthcare system in Ireland.

The findings from this research will help the Irish Cancer Society to understand:

- People's understanding of the healthcare system and cancer services in Ireland;
- People's experience in accessing cancer care services for any reason, including diagnostics and treatment;
- Awareness of cancer prevention initiatives;
- Awareness of and participation in cancer screening initiatives;
- Experiences with access to tests and scans for diagnostics purposes.

Research Outputs

TASC will prepare an anonymised summary analysis of the findings and provide this to the Irish Cancer Society. This means your name or identity will not be linked to anything you say within our research reports.

Your participation in this research will help the Irish Cancer Society to understand the challenges and facilitators encountered by people with a migrant background to identify and prioritise recommendations. The research is for use by the Irish Cancer Society and for policy recommendations. The Irish Cancer Society will develop a policy paper, and use the information in fundraising and communications campaigns, which will be publicly available.

Ways to Participate

You may participate by engaging with TASC's survey, interviews or focus groups.

The purpose of the online survey is to get a general idea of the experiences of migrants in accessing the Irish healthcare system. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will give us a general idea of your background, health care experiences here in Ireland and your cancer awareness.

The purpose of interviews and focus groups is to have a more in-depth discussion relating to the experiences of migrants in accessing the Irish healthcare system. The interviews and focus groups will be to understand and bring to life real stories of people who have a migrant background and their level of awareness and experiences in accessing or not accessing the healthcare system, while identifying key themes and issues to address when developing solutions.

If a person chooses to take part in one part of the research, they are under no obligation to take part in all of the research.

Survey

An online survey is available, which should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All of the questions within the survey are optional, but it would be helpful if you completed as many questions as possible so that we can understand your needs.

Interviews & Focus groups

A call (over Zoom/MS Teams/mobile/telephone) or a face-to-face meeting will be set up between participants and a member of the TASC research team to discuss your experiences. This call will last between 30-45 minutes. You can choose which way you would prefer to contribute. Focus groups will be conducted in a manner where no personal information is shared among participants, in order to maintain as much anonymity as possible. With your consent, an audio recording will be made of the discussion so that we can be sure to have accurate documentation of your responses.

Consent forms, written notes and audio recordings will be password protected and stored by TASC, the Data Controller, on a secure server. The Irish Cancer Society will not have access to any of the raw data. Further details on how you give your consent, how you may withdraw your consent and how we protect your privacy are provided in the following sections.

Consent

Information from the interviews, focus groups and surveys will be collected and processed on the basis of consent. You will be asked if you have understood the information provided to you about taking part in the research, and if you consent to take part your data will be collected and processed according to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 1998-2003. Further details on GDPR are included below.

For the survey, focus groups and interviews we will ask you to sign a consent form stating that you have read this information sheet and that you agree to take part in the research. Your participation in the research is voluntary. You can withdraw your consent to participate from any part of the research.

Withdrawing Consent: Survey

You can withdraw your consent from the online survey at any time by not completing the survey. Only surveys which have been submitted will be used for this study.

Once you have submitted your survey, we are unable to delete your contribution as we do not keep record of any identifiable information. The survey is completely anonymous.

Withdrawing Consent: Interviews & Focus Groups

You can withdraw your consent and choose not to participate in the interviews or focus groups at any point during the session by speaking with a member of the research team.

Once the interview or focus group is complete, you may withdraw your consent up to two weeks after your interview or focus group session has taken place by providing your unique interview or group ID number. If you choose to withdraw your consent within the two-week timeframe, all data and files relating to you and your contribution to an interview or a focus group will be deleted.

You may also withdraw your consent more than two-weeks after your interview or focus group session. All raw data files relating to you will be deleted, but any anonymised comments made by you which are included in the final report and policy paper for this project will remain. If you wish to withdraw, please contact TASC at research@tasc.ie. You can request to have data you have provided deleted for up to six months after project completion.

Data Storage & Protection

As part of this research, your information will be processed in the Republic of Ireland, which is subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Information about GDPR may be found [here](#).

TASC is the Data Controller and Processor. All interview audio recordings alongside any personal data you provide throughout this research process will be stored on TASC's secure server and will be password protected. A limited number of staff in TASC will have access to this data during the time they need to analyse it. Any data you provide to TASC will be processed in compliance with GDPR. Any information you provide, will be retained and stored securely by TASC for a maximum of 6 months after the end of the project, in line with the requirements of GDPR. After this period your data will be destroyed.

All responses from the survey, interviews and focus groups will be analysed and aggregated by TASC. The feedback and information you provide during the research will be aggregated, anonymised and summarised in the reports which will be provided to the Irish Cancer Society, unless otherwise required by law or with your consent. Therefore, the Irish Cancer Society will not have access to any of your personal information. The Irish Cancer Society holds no responsibility regarding the capture, processing or storage of this information.

Please find more information about TASC's Privacy Policy [here](#). If you have any queries regarding the processing of your personal data in this research or to exercise your data protection rights, please contact TASC at research@tasc.ie.

The online survey is provided on Jotform. Jotform's servers are located within the EU; information on Jotform's GDPR policy can be found [here](#).

If you wish to raise a complaint with the Data Protection Commission regarding any of the processing under this research, please contact them at www.dataprotection.ie.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What types of personal information will participants be asked about?

If you agree to take part in the research, you will be asked to share your experience as a person with a migrant background and your experience with and awareness of initiatives relating to cancer prevention and screening, and/or access to diagnostics and/or cancer care. Questions may include:

- Details on cancer diagnosis and limited treatment information;
- Details on awareness of and/or participation in screening;
- Treatment related travel and accommodation;
- Employment status, access to financial support, income, etc.;
- Demographics questions: age, geographical location, gender and marital status, etc.;
- Education level;
- Personal experiences.

What type of questions will I be asked?

Within the interviews and focus group, we will ask you a number of questions to help us to understand your own personal experience with the cancer care pathway in Ireland. We will ask you about the experiences you may have had in accessing healthcare services to identify positive experiences and/or challenges you may have had. Then, we will ask for your feedback and ideas in terms of how awareness of cancer services and access to cancer services can be made easier in the future.

How will my privacy be respected?

The answers you give in the survey, interviews or focus groups **will not** be attributed to you and no personally identifiable data will be shared with the Irish Cancer Society. Your quotes and experiences may be included in the report but will not be attributed to you personally.

Who is conducting the research?

TASC

TASC – Think tank for Action on Social Change – is an independent think-tank based in Dublin, Ireland. TASC are a public education charity focusing on translating analysis into action. You can learn more about TASC by following this link to our [website](#). If you have any questions about this study, please contact TASC by email at research@tasc.ie or by phone +353 (0)1 616 9050.

Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society was founded in 1963 and is a community of patients, survivors, volunteers, researchers, etc. Through our work we seek to support people affected by cancer, and bring their voice into policy discussions.

If you have any questions or concerns about cancer or any other topics covered in this questionnaire you can call the Irish Cancer Society's Support line on 1800 200 700 or log on to www.cancer.ie