

# One Reach MP's Health Experience



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Disability Partnership Board  
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One Reach MP's Health  
Experience

One Reach MP came to the Reach office and spoke to project workers about a health experience they wanted to share at today's meeting.

This Reach MP wanted to share their story anonymously. Their health experience is told in their own words.



"I went to see the doctor for a red mark around my eye."



"The doctor had a close look at it, measured it and said it could be cancer but he wasn't 100% sure."

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“He gave me some cream and said it needed be kept an eye on and told me to come back in 6 months.”



“It made me feel upset and worried that I might have cancer but he didn't give me any more information, no clear information and he didn't refer me to specialist.”



“I used the cream for 3 weeks and it went better.”



“I tried get another appointment with the doctor but it took another 3 weeks because he was on holiday.”



“I went back to see him and he said to stop using the cream and come back in another 6 weeks.”

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"It went red without using the cream so I rang the doctor and he told me if it goes red to use the cream again."



"He didn't give me any other information and he didn't say whether it was cancer or not."



"I've been worried about it non-stop since he said it might be cancer."



This Reach MP also shared their story with a Reach Expert who speaks up a lot about healthcare for people with learning disabilities.



This Reach Expert shared their thoughts and ideas on this health experience.

The Reach Expert's comments are shared in their own words.

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"The doctor should have made sure this person had some support before saying it was cancer. Things weren't explained clearly and there was no clear information."



"Doctors shouldn't say things about people having cancer without sending them to a specialist. Shouldn't have said cancer until tests were done."



"Why couldn't this person see another doctor if theirs was on holiday?"



"I'm not very happy with what he did, leaving them worrying about if it was cancer and doing nothing about it (just cream) and saying don't come back for 6 months."



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