

# Advocacy Toolkit:

## Have your say in the Health Technology Appraisal

A key responsibility of our Campaigns and Advocacy team is to represent the views and interests of the blood cancer patients that we support. One of the main ways we do this is by being involved in Health Technology Appraisals (HTAs).

### What are Health Technology Appraisals?

In the UK, Health Technology Appraisals (HTAs) are used to decide which treatments should be made available to patients via the NHS. The process of a HTA considers evidence that shows the clinical and cost effectiveness of a drug or health technology. A decision is made by a HTA body on the appropriate use of the therapy or technology and if they decide to recommend it, they publish guidance for NHS health care professionals to follow.

For more information, visit [www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/health-technology-appraisals](http://www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/health-technology-appraisals)

### How is Leukaemia CARE involved in Health Technology Appraisals?

As a patient organisation, our role during the HTA process is to represent the views and best interests of patients who will be affected by the HTA outcome, to ensure that they remain at the centre of the decision making process.

We present information from patients on the effects that their illness or condition has on the quality of their lives and on the lives of their family and friends. We also explain the difference the technology being reviewed could make to their condition and their quality of life.

### What are we asking you to do?

We'd like you to fill in our form about your experiences of blood cancer, to ensure that your views are taken into account by HTA bodies when decisions are being made over access to drugs and treatments. You can fill in as much or as little of the form as you are comfortable with.