



Pelvic Radiation
Disease Association

**Our response to the National Cancer Research Institute's
recent announcement on the Top 10 priorities for research
in Living With and Beyond Cancer**

The Pelvic Radiation Disease Association (PRDA) is delighted to give our full support to the National Cancer Research Institute's (NCRI) Top 10 priorities for research into Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWBC), as announced recently at the NCRI annual conference 2018 <https://www.ncri.org.uk/lwbc/> .

PRDA is one of very few UK charities focused solely on the health and wellbeing of people adversely affected by cancer treatment, so the LWBC research agenda is PRDA's agenda too. Despite the devastating impact that Pelvic Radiation Disease (PRD) can have on people's lives, and how common it is, there has been a shockingly small amount of research into how PRD is caused, how it could be prevented, and how it can be treated. This lack of research means that healthcare professionals often lack knowledge of how they can help people with the life-changing symptoms of PRD.

For too long, cancer research funding has focused on survival without adequate consideration of quality of life. PRDA, and many people affected by PRD, have pressed for many years for more research on how to improve quality of life, and these LWBC research priorities are therefore very welcome indeed. PRDA hopes that they will have a very positive impact on the level of research funding that is applied to PRD as well as to other issues affecting all people who are living with and beyond cancer.

PRDA will be asking questions of the cancer research community on how it will respond to the NCRI's challenge, including placing patients and carers at the very heart of every cancer research study.

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