**MatesCONNECT Volunteer Application Form**

*All information gathered in this application form will be kept private and confidential.*

**Contact details, demographics, core requirements**

Name:

Age:

Phone number:

Email address:

Postcode:

Are you able to commit to 12 months in this position? Yes/No

Are you comfortable talking about your experiences with new people? Yes/No

Are you comfortable hearing about others’ experiences? Yes/No

Are you well enough to take on this role? Yes/No

Is this the right time for you to make this commitment? Yes/No

Has it been at least 2 years since you were diagnosed? Yes/No

What is your availability for volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_hrs/month

**Your experience with prostate cancer**

This information will be used to determine a suitable pool of volunteers that have varied experiences with prostate cancer. This will allow the MatesCONNECT service to match the experiences of volunteers to the experiences of service users. Please indicate which apply to your lived experience with prostate cancer:

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| **Category** | **Description** |
| **Staging** | * Localised * Locally Advanced * Advanced * Biopsy |
| **Treatments** | * Active Surveillance * Surgery - Open * Surgery - robotic laparoscopic * Surgery - laparoscopic * Brachytherapy - Using seeds * Brachytherapy - High Dose Rate * Radiotherapy - Primary treatment * Radiotherapy - Salvage treatment * Radiotherapy - Palliative * Hormone Therapy - Combined with other treatment * Hormone Therapy - Long term * Orchidectomy * Chemotherapy |
| **Side effects of Treatment** | * Urinary incontinence * Urinary incontinence - long term following surgery * Bowel problems * Side effects of hormone therapy * Erectile Dysfunction * Artificial Urinary Sphincter * Loss of libido |
| **Relationships** | * Impact on relationships * Impact on sex life |
| **Impact** | * Impact on employability & ability to work |

**Your skills and experience**

These questions are designed to assess your suitability for the MatesCONNECT service.

1. Why do you think peer support is a valuable service for men affected by prostate cancer? Why does this role appeal to you?
2. Briefly describe how your skills and/or experience would make you an exceptional MatesCONNECT peer support volunteer.
3. Consider a time when the needs of a caller might supersede your role as a peer support person. For example, the caller seeks specific medical advice or discusses a serious mental health concern. How do you handle this situation?
4. How would you build rapport with a caller over the telephone?
5. Do you have any additional needs that might be relevant to performing your volunteer role? Please describe.