

Difficult conversations and Responsibility

Can you think of a conversation that....

...you have been putting off?

- ...you passed to someone else to have?
- ...you had but you would like to redo?

what would you do differently next time?

Difficult conversations in pancreatic cancer

- Treatment decisions
- Waiting for results
- Body image concerns
- Financial worries
- Fears for the future
- Talking to children

Who is responsible for having these conversations?

- Health professionals in secondary care
- Health professionals in primary care
- Hospice staff
- Community palliative care teams
- Cancer support workers and Navigators
- Charity workers- ourselves/ Macmillan

Where can it go wrong?

- Role accountability- thinking its someone else's responsibility
- Making assumptions that the conversation has already been had
- Patient must repeat the same conversation with different health professionals involved
- Prioritising what WE need the patient to know, not what THEY want to know

