

## **Draft Press Release - Setting Research Priorities for Tumours in the Brain and Spinal Cord**

**Have you or a loved one had experience of a brain tumour or a spinal cord tumour? Are there unanswered questions that researchers need to investigate? Make your voice heard by taking part in a groundbreaking project launching this week to coincide with Brain Tumour Awareness Month. Anyone with an interest in improving outcomes for people with these tumours is invited to submit their questions about tumours in the brain or spinal cord.**

**All the questions will be submitted to a panel of experts, including patients, and a process of prioritisation will be undertaken in order to arrive at a 'Top 10' of what matters most to the people affected by brain or spinal cord tumours. These priority topics will be promoted to research organisations and funders.**

**Project Lead, Consultant Neurologist Dr Robin Grant said: "This is a unique opportunity for people who have been affected by brain or spinal cord tumours to influence the direction of future research. We are keen to hear from people of all backgrounds, ages and stages, whether patients, relatives or health professionals."**

**The project is being supported financially by four charities: brainstrust, The Brain Tumour Charity, Brain Tumour Research and Children with Cancer UK.**

**To submit your questions, please go to [www.neuro-oncology.co.uk](http://www.neuro-oncology.co.uk) or call 0131 537 2875 for a paper copy of the survey. Closing date for questions is 17 April.**

**Journalists – more information is available from Julia Day or Robin Grant on [jlagroup@exseed.ac.co.uk](mailto:jlagroup@exseed.ac.co.uk) or 0131 537 2875.**