

The Interview Families

All forenames and family names assigned here are pseudonyms.

Family 1 - The Baker Family: Malcolm Baker (57 yrs) had been living with leukaemia for approximately 2 years when he was first interviewed. He is married to Tracey (59 yrs) and has a long and complex history of poor-health, having been critically ill on a number of occasions throughout their married life. The couple's daughter Karen (27 yrs) was involved in the interviews and Malcolm and Tracey also have a son who was not interviewed. Eight interviews were conducted with the family in total. Malcolm and Tracey were interviewed together - except for on one occasion when Tracey was interviewed on her own. Karen was interviewed separately at her place of work.

Family 3 - The Moore Family: Eve Moore (72 yrs) had been living with lung cancer for approximately 2 years when she was first interviewed, though her primary cancer was in her uterus which she developed about 15 years before. Eve had been married to Charlie Moore (75 yrs) for 49 years and they have a son. The couple were interviewed together four times at their home.

Family 4 - The George Family: Vera George (76 yrs) had been living with lung cancer for approximately 10 months when she was interviewed. She was single and had never been married. In recent years Vera had moved in with her younger sister Helen Duke (69 yrs) who is a widow and has one daughter. The sisters were interviewed once together at their home and a further interview was conducted with Helen after Vera's death.

Family 5 - The Cox Family: Eddie Cox (78 yrs) had been living with stomach cancer for approximately 6 months when he was interviewed. He had been married to Kathleen Cox (75 yrs) for 57 years and they have 3 children - Brian (52 yrs), Laura (49 yrs) and Claudia (37 yrs). The couple and all their children, including one grandchild - Claudia's 13 year old daughter Joanna, were interviewed. Three interviews were conducted with Claudia (and at times Joanna) after Eddie's death.

Family 6 - The Davy Family: Mavis Davy (69 yrs) had been living with bowel cancer for approximately three years when she was first interviewed. She had been divorced for 15

years and lived alone. She has two sons neither of whom took part in the research. She also has a *very close* friendship relationship with Alice (51 yrs) who Mavis describes as 'like a *daughter*'. Although technically the women are not 'related', the way Alice is considered as a daughter by Mavis was an interesting dynamic to explore. Both women were interviewed separately on three occasions. Of all the participants Mavis was the only person to have stated that her prognosis was not terminal.

Family 7 - The Fielding Family: Anna Fielding (68 yrs) had been living with breast cancer for approximately five years, though it had started to spread further about twelve months prior to being interviewed. She was single but had been divorced. Anna had also suffered with a chronic, degenerative condition since her 30s. She has four children - her two daughters Sue (45 yrs) and Cindy (36 yrs) participated in the interviews, though her two sons did not. All women were interviewed separately.

Family 8 - The Mullins Family: Hugh Mullins (69 yrs) had been living with lung cancer which was diagnosed approximately a year before he was first interviewed. He had been married to Dot Mullins (76 yrs) for 24 years. He had no biological children but was considered a 'father' Dot's children from a previous marriage. The couple were interviewed together three times at their home.

Family 9 - The Blake Family: Mary Blake (51 yrs) had been living with breast cancer for about three and a half years when she was first interviewed. She had been married to Jimmy for 28 years and they have two daughters - Ellen (25 yrs) and a younger daughter (22 yrs). Mary and her older daughter, Ellen, were interviewed at their home - both separately and together.