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Not enough is known about the experience of living with cancer at the same time as one or more chronic illness such as diabetes, heart disease or mental ill health, and the impact this has on individuals, their quality of life and how they interact with doctors and nurses and use health services. This study will speak to people to find out in their own words how it is to experience this; for the patient themselves, and the main relative or carer alongside them. I also plan to speak to health professionals working in primary care and the community to gain insight into their views and experiences of working with and caring for these patients and their families. The findings from this study will inform structured community-based interventions aiming to support people with complex multi-morbidities and improve their health and well-being.