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## Dundalk couple get behind new support group for rare cancer

WEBSITE WILL ALLOW PETER CAROLAN TO CONTACT FELLOW NET PATIENTS

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A DUNDALK couple have joined a new national support group for people dealing with the rare form of cancer known as Neuroendocrine Tumours (NET).

The NET Patient Network was launched on Worldwide NET Cancer Awareness Day, which took place last week in the Trinity College Biomedical Sciences Institute and one of the main organisers is RTE's Northern Editor Tommie Gorman, who has lived with with the rare form of cancer for the last 20 years.

Peter and Evelyn Carolan from Heynestown joined the network after Peter was diagnosed with NET two years ago.

Peter said: 'In my case, I was diagnosed with a FHN (non-malignant, melon-sized) tumour on my liver in October 2010. I went to a private clinic to get my heart checked out at first, as I was quickly losing most of my energy. The tests lasted a number of months and I was referred to a rheumatologist and my GP advised me to get a second opinion from a very thorough, partly-retired consultant in this county.

'On my second visit to him, he advised me that if I didn't get my heart, and the problem that was causing the trouble, seen to, I would need a heart transplant within a year. This was

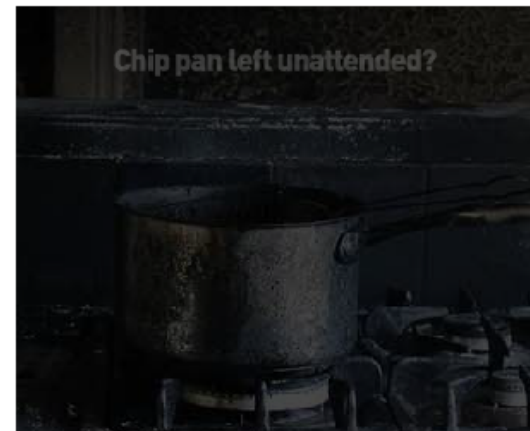


Susan Lynch, Evelyn Carolan, Dr. Derek Power and Peter Carolan at the launch of the NET Patient Network in Trinity College last week.

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