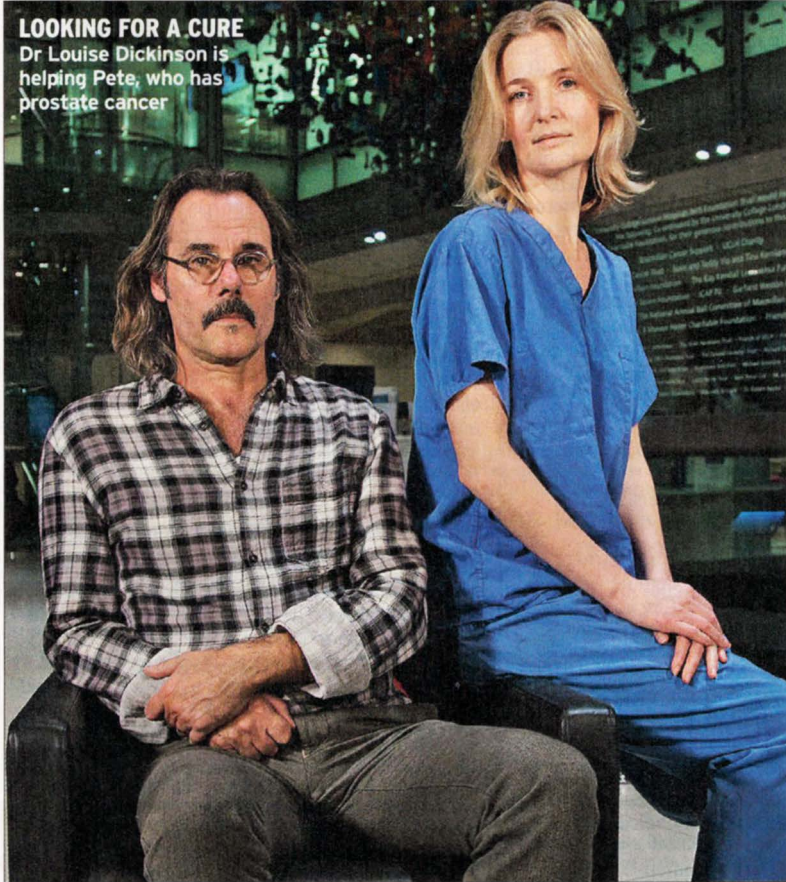


LOOKING FOR A CURE

Dr Louise Dickinson is helping Pete, who has prostate cancer



Curing Cancer

10.00pm **C4**

SCIENCE A heartening, almost breezy programme about cancer might seem unlikely, but this one-off is sensitively made and more watchable than a film about the disease has a right to be.

One in three of us will be diagnosed with cancer at some point; and one in four of us currently dies of it. Working to improve those figures are researchers at University College Hospital's Macmillan Cancer Centre, where we follow four patients receiving experimental treatments.

The technicalities are beautifully explained, with names like microwave ablation and High-Intensity Focused Ultrasound. But just as absorbing are the patients' stories. As one, Pete, observes: "Sooner or later, it's going to be a reality in most of our lives. That's something you adapt to, that you're not being picked on somehow. It's not terribly unfair, it's just what happens." **DAVID BUTCHER**