

Macmillan Cancer Support

Who are they?

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the UK's largest charities, with the goal of improving the lives of everyone living with cancer in the UK. Founded by Douglas Macmillan in 1911, originally as "The Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer", Macmillan are still a **source of support for people living with cancer** today and a force for improving cancer care across the country.

What do they do?

Macmillan provide expert information and **medical, practical, emotional, financial and personal support** to people affected by cancer. Macmillan's work also includes **improving health and social care systems** so that they deliver the cancer care and support people need now and in the future.

Healthcare services

In 2016 Macmillan had **over 6,900 healthcare professional posts** including nurses, doctors and allied healthcare professionals. They provide direct patient care as well as local advocacy.



Information and support services

Macmillan ensure people get the right information and support at the right time: over the phone, online, in print or in Macmillan Cancer environments.



Financial support services

Macmillan provides benefits advice as well as financial guidance to minimise the financial burden of cancer on people's lives. They also offer grants to help people in need of immediate financial help.



Emotional and practical support

45% of people with cancer say the emotional effects are most difficult to cope with. Macmillan support them in their times of need offering direct services and advice on self help.



Influencing

Macmillan work with government, politicians and local authorities to improve care and support at every stage of the cancer journey. They campaign to make sure the right policies and practices are in place to enable the best possible care and support for everyone affected by cancer. Through collaborating with partner organisations and coalitions, Macmillan help the voice of patients' to be heard.



Recent work

Development of a **quality of life metric** for those living with, and beyond cancer.

https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/developing-a-national-metric-for-quality-of-life_tcm9-307201.pdf

Surveyed 250 primary care nurses and GPs and highlighted **concerns about care for cancer patients** as a result of workforce pressures.

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/assets/macmillan-workplacesurvey-reportmac16756.pdf>

Award winning **cancer information resources**

<https://www.bma.org.uk/library/patient-information-awards/pia-winners>

Launch of the **life with cancer** campaign: supporting people after treatment ends.