

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

# Macmillan Cancer Voices fact sheet

## Short version

Cancer Voices is a group of people from across the UK who have all been affected by cancer in some way. They share their experiences to help shape cancer services and improve cancer care.

## Medium version

Cancer Voices is a group of people from across the UK who have all been affected by cancer in some way. They share their experiences to help shape cancer services and improve cancer care. A Cancer Voice can be anyone affected by cancer, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, background and cancer experience. They may have had cancer themselves or be a friend, family member or carer of someone with a cancer diagnosis.

## Long version

Cancer Voices is a group of people from across the UK who have all been affected by cancer in some way. They share their experiences to help shape cancer services and improve cancer care. A Cancer Voice can be anyone affected by cancer, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, background and cancer experience. They may have had cancer themselves or be a friend, family member or carer of someone with a cancer diagnosis.

There's a wide range of activities a Cancer Voice can get involved in, including:

- joining a hospital's advisory group
- reviewing cancer information materials
- talking to schools
- campaigning to change cancer policies and telling us what needs to improve in their area.

All these opportunities are featured on the Cancer Voices Network on Macmillan's website – [macmillan.org.uk/opportunities](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/opportunities).

To help people use their cancer experience effectively as possible, Macmillan also provides information, advice and free training to support its Cancer Voices.

## Key facts

Macmillan has **1,700** Cancer Voices.

We recruited **650** new Cancer Voices in **2008**.

**50%** of Cancer Voices say they joined the group to improve Macmillan and other health and social care services.

**20%** of Cancer Voices say they joined the group to offer emotional support to other people affected by cancer.

**75%** of Cancer Voices have had a cancer diagnosis.

**33%** of Cancer Voices are living with cancer.

**Over 33%** of Cancer Voices have a family member who has had a cancer diagnosis.

Cancer Voices played a key part in Macmillan's successful campaign to get prescription charges abolished for people with cancer in England.

Visit **[macmillan.org.uk/cancervoices](http://macmillan.org.uk/cancervoices)** for more information.

Fact sheet last updated August 2009