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CANCER SUPPORT**

# **Working with other health and social care organisations fact sheet**

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## Long version

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Here are just a few examples of our partnerships:

### Working with the NHS

The vast majority of people living with cancer receive their treatment and care through the NHS. That's why we've worked closely with the NHS for over 30 years. Together, we're known for providing services that set the standard for cancer care and change it for the better. Our pioneering Macmillan nurses are a great example of this.

### Emotional and practical support for people living with cancer and carers

Macmillan has developed services that provide vital support to people with cancer and their carers. As part of this, we work with partners such as Crossroads – caring for carers and Age Concern, as well as some smaller charitable and local authority organisations.

### Benefits advice

People affected by cancer often face extra costs and financial difficulties as a result of the illness. So, as well as providing information and support about benefits over the phone, we work with organisations throughout the UK to deliver local benefits advice. For instance, we have Macmillan benefits advisers in Citizens Advice Bureaux, hospitals, hospices and other local independent advice services.

### Raising awareness

Along with our partners, we help to raise awareness of cancer issues. Since 2002, we've been working closely with The Roy Castle Foundation on Lung Cancer Awareness Month. We've worked together on the publicity for the campaign. And Macmillan lung cancer specialist nurses and Roy Castle nurses join forces to help raise awareness of the biggest cancer killer.

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