

Information for people applying for a Macmillan Professional post

Thank you for your interest in this Macmillan post. Here is some information about Macmillan that will help with your application.

About Macmillan and our ambition

There are 2 million people living with cancer in the UK today and, as more people live longer with their cancer, this number is set to grow to 4 million by 2030. The needs of people affected by cancer are not fully met today, let alone tomorrow. The growing and complex needs of people affected by cancer and the tough challenges the NHS faces, means the future looks extremely difficult. Macmillan must increase its support for people affected by cancer and drive change to ensure cancer care is fit for purpose in the future.

Macmillan has worked with health and social care professionals, patients, volunteers and service providers to develop nine outcomes we want people affected by cancer to be able to say throughout their cancer journey.

- ✓ I was diagnosed early
- ✓ I understand, so I make good decisions
- ✓ I get the treatment and care which are best for my cancer, and my life
- ✓ Those around me are well supported
- ✓ I am treated with dignity and respect
- ✓ I know what I can do to help myself and who else can help me
- ✓ I can enjoy life
- ✓ I feel part of a community and I'm inspired to give something back
- ✓ I want to die well

These outcomes underpin Macmillan's future direction and we aim to achieve them by 2030. This means as well as continuing and growing the important work we do now, Macmillan will strive to make change in key areas:

- we'll work closely with partners to ensure services are joined up and patient needs are put first,
- we'll fund and create more and new health and social care professionals and invest in training and development,
- we'll ensure the right information and support is available for people affected by cancer in the right way, at the right time, to enable them to feel fully supported to take control of their lives.

It's a huge task –we can't meet the needs – be they medical, practical, emotional or financial – of all those people by ourselves. **We need to inspire millions of others to get involved** – giving their

money, their time, their experiences, their expertise and skills, plus their goodwill and commitment – in ways that suit them and at the right time.

Vital to meeting the needs of people affected by cancer now and in the future, is the work of Macmillan professionals. We need Macmillan professionals to take the lead in services and organisations and do their utmost to make these outcomes a reality.

What it means to be a Macmillan Professional

As a Macmillan Professional you will not be employed by Macmillan but you will be a vital part of the Macmillan team. We are a force for change, listening to people affected by cancer and working together to improve cancer care. People who live with cancer are experts by experience. Together we use this knowledge to make a positive difference to the lives of people affected by cancer.

As a Macmillan Professional you will:

- Get support from the Macmillan Development Manager for your area.
- Be able to apply for funds for education and equipment.
- Be invited to attend local and national learning and development events.
- Become part of a nationwide network of Macmillan Professionals who will be able to provide support.
- Have access to Macmillan produced materials to help you to do your job, such as patient information leaflets, toolkits and education programme materials.

As a Macmillan Professional we would like you to:

- Provide high quality services in our name
- Work in partnership with colleagues and the people who use your service
- Ensure the people who use your service know they are receiving a Macmillan service
- Sign-post people to Macmillan services and information where this will be of benefit to them
- Strive to improve your service and innovate
- Provide information about your service and feedback to Macmillan
- Teach and share your expertise with others.
- Get involved in our wider work such as campaigning and influencing in ways that suit you.

Macmillan statistics:

- We fund more than 5,500 health and social care professionals, including nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, occupational therapists, radiographers, social workers and benefits advisors.
- These professionals, providing a wide variety of services in Macmillan's name, are employed by a range of partner organisations including the NHS, local authorities, private healthcare providers and voluntary organisations.
- There are more than 3,450 Macmillan nurses in the UK.
- We have over 130 information centres. Here, you can pick up high-quality cancer information and talk through any concerns with Macmillan information professionals.
- Over 16,500 people visit [macmillan.org.uk](https://www.macmillan.org.uk) every day.
- Over 500 people call the Macmillan Support Line (0808 808 00 00) each day.
- We rely on voluntary donations for nearly all of our income.