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February News

Nominate your colleagues for Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards 2014

The Excellence Awards acknowledge and celebrate outstanding Macmillan professionals who strive every day to ensure that people don't have to face cancer alone. [Nominations](#) for the 2014 awards are now open.

We're looking for Macmillan health or social care professionals who have demonstrated a positive impact on the lives of people affected by cancer through exceptional leadership. As well as the four award categories, we'll grant up to three fellowships and Henry Garnett Awards to those promoting and supporting Macmillan outside of their core role.



So if you know of anyone inspirational whose work should be recognised, [nominate them](#) by 31 March 2014. To find out more about the awards and how to nominate, download the [awards booklet](#) or [visit our website](#).

Support for people worried about bowel cancer

Please note that from 10 February, Bowel Cancer UK has closed its telephone and email information and support service.

Macmillan already provides support around bowel cancer, so if you work with someone who needs support and advice relating to bowel cancer, please refer them to Macmillan on 08088080000.

More information is available on the [Bowel Cancer UK website](#).



Pilot to reduce delays in receiving critical illness payments

We've launched a six month UK-wide pilot with Aviva to reduce delays in people with cancer receiving Critical Illness payments. Currently it takes **60 days** to receive the medical evidence and pay the claim, but instances involving CNSs have dramatically reduced the processing time to **four days**.

The pilot will test whether CNS involvement consistently reduces processing times. We will closely monitor how smooth the process is for CNSs and the suitability of future roll out. Nurse participation is voluntary but could be of considerable benefit for people with cancer.

For more information please [email Neal Southwick](#) or call 020 7091 2049.

Results of the first national cancer patient experience survey in Wales published

The Welsh Government has published the results of the first national cancer patient experience survey in Wales.

More than 7,300 people completed the survey, which was carried out in partnership with Macmillan Wales. 89% of respondents rated their care as either excellent or very good. Areas for improvement include variations between health boards, and the experiences of people with different cancer types.

Read more about the survey [here](#).

Thanks for raising awareness of our will-writing service

It's a year since we launched our discounted will-writing service and thanks to you it's been a great success. So far, we've helped people affected by cancer to write a total of 223 wills, and 159 of them have let us know they've left us a gift in their will. At least one person has left their entire estate, which is just fantastic.

Please keep up the excellent work signposting people to the service, and remember there's a [leaflet](#) containing more information, which you can give to the people you support when appropriate.

If you have any questions, please [email us](#).

Be Clear on Cancer - breast cancer in women over 70 campaign

A national Be Clear on Cancer campaign, run by Public Health England in partnership with NHS England and the Department of Health, is running from 3 February to 16 March to raise awareness of breast cancer in women over 70. It includes TV and press advertising. The key message is '1 in 3 women who get breast cancer are over 70, so don't assume you're past it' – to encourage people with symptoms to go to their doctor straight away.

www.orderline.dh.gov.uk or 0300 123 1002.

Tailored Information for the People of Scotland (TIPS)

TIPS is a unique, new online cancer information resource, providing tailored cancer information for people in Scotland.

TIPS was co-developed by cancer patients, nurses and clinicians working in cancer services and was funded by Macmillan. It allows patients, carers and healthcare professionals to access all its cancer topics in just two clicks. There are variable text size and printing options, as well as the ability to select a blue screen background to assist dyslexic readers, or audio for those with sight restrictions. Although designed for people in Scotland, most of the content is relevant for people affected by cancer across the UK.



To find out more, visit www.nhsinform.co.uk/Cancer/TIPS

February Learning and development

New e-learning course: Adult Acute Oncology Services

This new [e-learning course](#) is an introduction to Adult Acute Oncology Services, suitable for all professionals. It aims to provide you with knowledge of Acute Oncology key principles, enabling you to recognise conditions and initiate action appropriately, ensuring safe and timely high-quality care.

Click [here](#) to access the course, or to search for other learning and development opportunities.



Mac Voice

If you received your Winter issue of Mac Voice in December and noticed that a few pages were repeated, please [contact us](#) to request a new copy.

February Get Involved

Barriers to providing good cancer information – focus group

We'd like to invite you to a focus group on Friday 28 March to discuss why



people affected by cancer are not always receiving the best information and support on their condition and wellbeing.

The group will take place at Macmillan's Head Office in Vauxhall, London, and we will cover reasonable expenses. Lunch will be provided, and there will be opportunities for networking with other healthcare professionals.

We'd really appreciate your input, so please [email us](#) by 7 March if you're interested in attending.



Cancer rehabilitation survey

We are conducting a review of cancer rehabilitation in the UK, which will include recommendations on how Macmillan can help drive the rehabilitation agenda forward and improve the lives of people living with and beyond cancer. We've developed a short survey for Macmillan professionals involved in cancer rehabilitation – physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dietitians, speech and language therapists and lymphoedema therapists – asking for your views on aspects of cancer rehabilitation. We'll use your feedback to help shape recommendations for the future. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please [email us](#) to take part.



Your thoughts count – Get Active Feel Good DVD

We want to hear what you think of the [Get Active Feel Good exercise DVD](#) that we released last year. Have you ordered any copies? Given them out to the people you support? If so, do you know whether they found it useful in taking steps to becoming active? Or do you have any feedback that you'd like to share? If you're happy to share your thoughts please [get in touch](#) with your name and email address. We will set up a phone interview which will take under 30 minutes at a time that is convenient to you.

February From the website

be.Macmillan for your non-Macmillan colleagues

Spread the word to your non-Macmillan colleagues about be.Macmillan with this handy leaflet. It provides information on how they can access and order free cancer information for the people they support, and resources for themselves. It also highlights other available formats, like PDF and audio downloads. [Order the booklet now](#) and invite your team to register.



Your policy update

Download your copy of the latest [Policy Update \[PDF\]](#).

Summary of the latest cancer care news

Download the latest issue of [Macmillan's Horizon \[PDF\]](#) featuring abstracts from news and academic journals on cancer care and treatment.

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