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### July News

#### Keeping cancer on the political agenda

Recently you might have seen stories in the national press about the breach of cancer waiting time targets in England. Obviously this isn't the news we wanted to hear, however it does highlight the challenges you and people with cancer face and does help us keep cancer on the political agenda.

In the run-up to the election next year, Macmillan will ask all political parties to commit to supporting staff to deliver cancer outcomes that match the best in Europe, whilst recognising the huge strain many staff are under in these difficult times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please [let us know](#).



#### Royal recognition for Macmillan Professionals' contribution

Linda Turner, Macmillan Community Support and Information Outreach Manager based at Wolverhampton Central Library, and Helen Tyler, Macmillan Therapies Manager at the Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff, were selected to represent the charity at this year's Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 3 June.

Both were nominated by their Macmillan Development Managers in recognition of their work in the community. Specifically, Linda provides people affected by cancer, their families and carers with information and support. And Helen looks after a team that addresses the supportive care and rehabilitative needs of cancer patients, to help improve their quality of life and increase independence and self-management.



**“It was such a wonderful day. We got a chance to look around the grounds while the band played then we had some lunch. I felt very special to be there.”** – Linda Turner

**“With tea, cakes, military bands and a beautiful garden to stroll in, I had an excellent day. Thanks to Macmillan for the nomination and for recognising the contribution I have made to the community.”** – Helen Tyler (pictured above)

#### Positive outcomes for Macmillan Service in Midhurst

The evaluation of the Midhurst Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Service was published in the prestigious [European Journal of Cancer Care](#) this month.

The results show positive outcomes for patients, carers and the health service, including more people receiving care at home and dying in their preferred place, and reductions in emergency admissions and hospital stays.

We are aiming to reproduce these outcomes in six Macmillan Specialist Care at Home Innovation Centres across England over the next two years.

[Read the report](#) and learn more about Macmillan Specialist Care at Home [here](#).

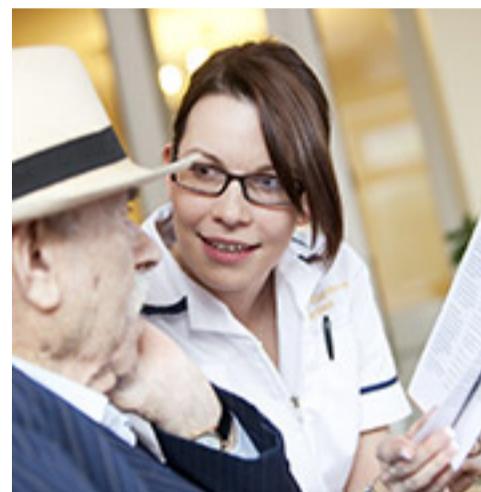


## Information for potential supporters

We've launched the next phase of our [Not Alone campaign](#) to inspire people to donate to Macmillan, so we can ensure that we're there for everyone affected by cancer.

As you are one of the faces of Macmillan, people might ask you about how they could support us. Please tell them to call 0300 1000 200 to find about all the different ways to get involved.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the campaign.



## July Learning and Development

### Register for Colorectal Cancer Study Day

The 2014 Colorectal Cancer Study Day will be held on 18 September 2014 at the [M Shed](#) in Bristol.

Run by Bowel Cancer UK the study day is designed for practitioners, caring for people affected by colorectal cancer in primary and secondary care settings. It aims to inform healthcare professionals about all aspects of colorectal cancer and give participants the confidence to inform and empower their patient group to overcome barriers.

This is a full day's programme which is being assessed for RCN Accreditation. Please [click here](#) for further information and to register your interest.



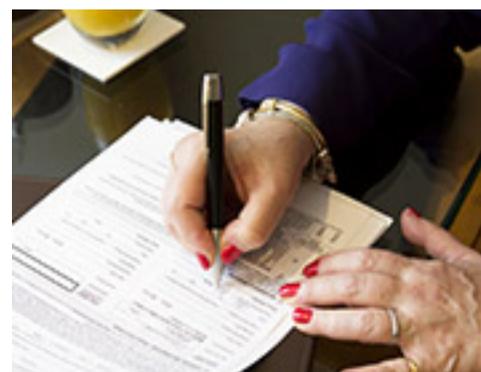
## July Get Involved

### Personal Independence Payment – Survey on paper claims pilot

As you may have seen in the May edition of Mac Mail, the DWP have been piloting paper based [Personal Independence Payment \(PIP\)](#) claims for all Macmillan professionals in England, Scotland and Wales.

To evaluate this pilot, we've developed a [survey for Macmillan professionals](#) who are completing paper claims.

The survey will close on 22 July. If you're involved in completing paper claims and would be happy to complete the survey, please [click here](#).



## Walking for Health – Share your views

**Walking Works**, a report from Walking for Health detailing research into the life-threatening consequences of inactivity, is now available to order free. The report concludes that walking can help reduce the burden of long-term health conditions on the NHS.

Supported by Public Health England, the report shows that recommending Walking for Health schemes to patients can help save lives and money, and reduce clinic numbers.

If you haven't already, please complete our [short survey](#) – your views are vital in helping people to get and stay active.



## Share your experiences to inform our work with government

Macmillan wants to understand more about the relationship between patient experience and staff engagement to inform our work with government and the NHS, and to improve services and staff to deliver the best care.

To do this we are working with PEBL Feedback CIC on a blogging project where patients and staff can tell their stories anonymously and generate discussion.

If you are interested in taking part, please go to [www.peblfeedback.com/cancerexperience](http://www.peblfeedback.com/cancerexperience) and enter the following details to log in:

**username:**

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**password:**

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For further information, please email [admin@peblfeedback.com](mailto:admin@peblfeedback.com).

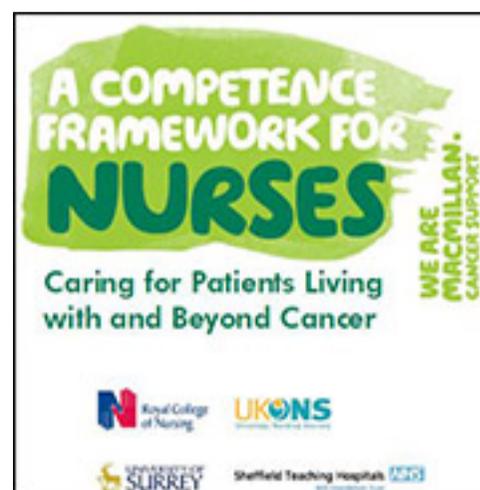


## July From the website

### A Competence Framework for Nurses: Caring for Patients Living With and Beyond Cancer

This competence framework is designed for nurses working in any healthcare setting, at any level and is available to download or order now from [be.macmillan](http://be.macmillan).

Developed by the [Macmillan Consequences of Cancer and its Treatment](#) community of influence, it is endorsed by the RCN and UKONS and is the first of its kind in the UK, identifying core domains of care for patients living with and beyond cancer.

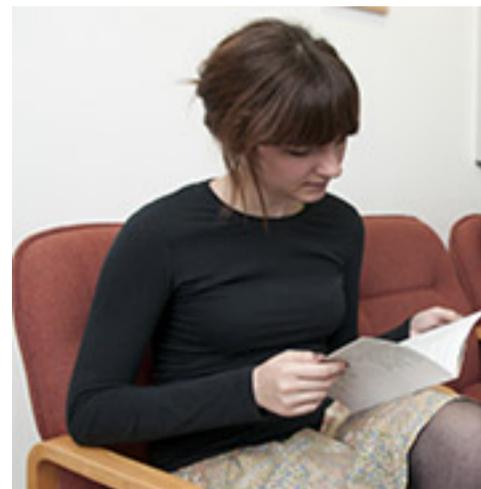


## Macmillan information sheets now launching throughout the year

We have two brand new information sheets available immediately, based on the following chemotherapy regimes: [POMB/ACE](#) and [FOLFIRINOX](#).

We've also updated five of our information sheets on the following subjects: [Pre-cancerous conditions](#), [Sarcomas](#), [Haematological conditions](#), [Giving chemotherapy](#) and [Brain and spinal tumours](#).

These are all available on [be.Macmillan](#) from the links above. If you have any feedback or questions, please email [Emma Welland](#).



## Your policy update

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

## Summary of the latest cancer care news

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

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