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November News

Introducing the 2014 Macmillan Professionals Excellence Award winners

This year's [Macmillan Excellence Awards](#) celebrated the achievements of eight individuals and three teams, shortlisted from just over 80 initial nominations. This year, for the first time, a Macmillan professional was also recognised with a [Lifetime Achievement Award](#).



Congratulations to all the winners and nominees. See more photos and find out who the winners are [here](#).

And don't forget, you'll be able to submit your nominations for the 2015 event early next year.

Macmillan Nurse Consultant wins Nurse of the Year



Congratulations to Lorraine Burgess, a Macmillan Dementia Nurse Consultant at the Christie Oncology Hospital in Manchester, who has been named Nurse of the Year at the Nursing Times Awards 2014.

The judges awarded Lorraine 'Nurse of the Year' due to her work developing services for those with cancer and dementia while supporting them through treatment, and for providing education and training to equip staff with the knowledge and skills to care for patients in this field of nursing.



You can [watch an interview](#) that Lorraine did with ITV's 'This Morning' programme about her award.

Over 1,000 nurses from across the UK gathered to celebrate the achievements of those nominated for the Awards which took place in London last month.

First UK-wide Specialist Adult Cancer Nurse Census report published



The results of the first UK-wide census of specialist adult cancer nurses on 24 April 2014, were recently published. Responses from 168 trusts (97% response rate) have been evaluated and results for England are now available for download.

Two key findings are:

The specialist adult cancer nurse workforce is ageing. One in three nurses is aged 50 or over, around one in two for some cancer types in certain parts of the country.

There are considerable variations in the provision of specialist cancer nurse expertise for those diagnosed with different cancer types and across

geographic locations.

Visit our website to [download the full report for England](#).

General Election 2015 – Join our campaign



Next year's general election is our chance to make sure everyone with cancer has the best possible care and support. That's why we are campaigning for cancer to be an election priority.

Right now, political parties are making decisions about their priorities for the 2015 General Election. We want to make sure that the next government commits to improving cancer care and supporting the cancer workforce to do this. This election is our best chance to make it happen.

Together we can choose a future where no one has to face cancer alone. [Join our campaign today](#).

New resources to identify and support cancer carers



In collaboration with professionals and carers, we've recently developed some [new practical tips](#) and [background guidance](#) for healthcare professionals to identify and support cancer carers.

From April 2015 the Care Act will require carers to be better supported and for healthcare professionals to work more closely with local authorities. Our new guidance and tips are here to help you and your teams support carers and get ready ahead of April 2015.

Visit [be.Macmillan](#) to order the new resources or [click here](#) to find out more about the support Macmillan offers for carers.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2014 – Thank You

Many Macmillan professionals organised or supported local coffee morning



events this year. If you took part, thank you very much.

One host, Gill Thomas who works at the Information and Support Centre, King's College Hospital, London, felt that the social interaction her coffee morning offered patients was valuable: 'Patients come to have a bit of enjoyment. They like to talk to people who are going through the same which makes them feel that they're not on their own.'

So far we've raised an amazing £20 million and more money is pouring in every day. If you organised an event and haven't had the chance to pay the donations in yet, you can [find out how to make the payment here](#).

And if you'd like to get involved next year, keep reading Mac Mail for details of when you can apply for a coffee morning pack.

November - Learning and Development

Sharing Excellence in Cancer Care – Highlights from the Macmillan Professionals Event



The 2014 event was held at the Hilton Metropole in Birmingham on 12-14 November. We hope that those of you who attended found it useful. If you were unable to be there we'll be posting all the sessions and poster presentations online shortly. We'll let you know the web link in next month's Mac Mail.

Next year's Professionals Event will take place on 4-6 November, so please book it in your diary now. It promises to be even bigger and better than before.

November - From the website

New accessible cancer information



We've added lots of new accessible cancer information to our website, including:

- 52 easy read pdfs.
- Two british Sign Language videos about chemotherapy and surgery.
- Five fact sheets and eight flyers in 10 languages.

[Click here](#) to see our new accessible resources. We hope you find these formats useful when supporting people who cannot access our other written and online patient information.

What do you think about our new products? Please email [Abi Delderfield](#) with any questions or comments.

New erectile dysfunction guidance for professionals



Erectile dysfunction (ED) can be a long-term issue for many patients after treatment for prostate cancer. Currently there are no UK-wide ED management strategies.

To help you inform, support and care for men dealing with ED after treatment, Macmillan – in partnership with Prostate Cancer UK – have developed two information guides.

Using evidence-based strategies, these free guides give clear guidance for the management of ED following surgery, radiotherapy and hormone



therapy.

Click below to download copies of the two guides for you and your team:

- [Treating erectile dysfunction after surgery for pelvic cancers](#)
- [Treating erectile dysfunction after radical radiotherapy and androgen deprivation therapy \(ADT\) for prostate cancer](#)

November - Other opportunities you may find interesting

Developing Effective Cancer Survivorship Services on 5 December

The conference takes place on 5 December at Hallam Conference Centre in London and focuses on cancer survivorship, and improving outcomes for people living with and beyond cancer. Through national updates and practical case studies the event aims to support health and social care professionals to develop effective cancer survivorship support and services.

A 20% discount* is available to Macmillan professionals by quoting ref: **HCUK20MACM** when booking. For further information and to book your place, [click here](#).

*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Full T&Cs available upon [request](#).

Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework Advisory Committee Meeting on 10 December

As a public observer, you'll have the opportunity to listen to the business of the meeting, except where confidential information is being discussed, but can't participate in committee discussions or ask questions.

The meeting will take place from 10.30am until approximately 3.30pm in Manchester. If you would like to attend, please [click here to register](#) before 26 November at 5pm.

Should you have any queries regarding observing this meeting, please email [Sandra Robinson](#).

Delivering Individual Care Plans for Care of the Dying Person

The conference is held on 21 January 2015 in London. The programme focuses on delivering individual care plans for care of the dying person and includes national updates and practical case study sessions.

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