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September - News

Macmillan Professionals Event and Awards: Registration open

[Register now](#) for the opportunity to attend this year's event and meet other Macmillan professionals and colleagues to share examples of good practice and input into Macmillan's work to improve cancer care in the UK.

At the event in Birmingham on 12–14 November, you'll hear from key people at Macmillan about the strategic direction of the charity and attend interactive workshops to discuss practical support for your role. There will also be an extensive exhibition and poster session featuring 50 professionals showcasing their work.

Finally, [join us](#) to recognise and celebrate the work of your exceptional colleagues at the Professionals' Excellence Awards ceremony.



Local Cancer Intelligence tool launched

Developed by Macmillan in partnership with Public Health England's [National Cancer Intelligence Network \(NCIN\)](#), the [Local Cancer Intelligence tool](#) is designed to be an easy way to understand the changing burden of cancer by local area.

Combining data and insights from Macmillan and NCIN, the tool will primarily be used by Macmillan Service Development teams and NHS commissioners to identify the needs and priorities for cancer services in local areas across England.

[Find out more here](#).



Macmillan working with nursing organisations to roll out Recovery Package across the UK

September 15th sees the launch of the new Cancer Nursing Partnership, which includes 10 organisations including Macmillan, Royal College of Nursing and Breast Cancer Care.

Steve Richards, Director of Professional Engagement commented:



'The Cancer Nursing Partnership will demonstrate the value of organisations working together to deliver a common goal, namely the delivery of the Recovery Package. The partnership has the potential to directly reach 22,000 nurses, and is delighted that Jeremy Hunt recently also announced a series of measures to promote its use.'

For more information on the Recovery Package [click here](#) or [email us](#).



2013 Annual report and accounts

Macmillan recently published its [annual report and accounts](#) and you'll see that 2013 was another fantastic year. Key achievements include Macmillan professionals supporting over 668,000 people (Macmillan nurses supported over 526,000 people and another 142,000 people were helped by other Macmillan professionals).

Macmillan helped to identify £234.4 million in financial gains for people affected by cancer and continued to invest in projects to redesign cancer care to help services meet the growing demands put on them. We also raised a staggering £20.3 million through World's Biggest Coffee Morning, beating the record set in 2012.

Read the full report and acknowledgements [here](#).



September - Learning and Development

Preview of the new coaching programme

As you know, we've been working to develop and expand our [Learning and Development](#) offer based on your feedback. We've recognised that you'd like more support around leadership, dealing with change, and managing a work/life balance in these difficult times, and that networking with others is really important. We know you face ongoing challenges and pressure, and we're confident that our new programme will help to support you better.

The new programme will launch early next year, and you'll be able to read all about it in Mac Mail. In the meantime we wanted to let you know about one of the new ways we can support you through a new [coaching programme](#).

This coaching programme will offer all Macmillan professionals who have been in post for at least 6 months the opportunity to take up coaching sessions with an independent professional coach. Pilots showed coaching to be particularly effective for providing support in navigating change, stress and workload management and helping strategic thinking. Participants found that the skills they learnt enabled them to offer more focused, accessible and supportive services for people affected by cancer.

[Visit LearnZone](#) for more information.



September - Get Involved

Friday 26 September – it's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

World's Biggest Coffee Morning is a good way to promote your service on the back of the UK-wide publicity the event receives. It's also an opportunity for you to get together with colleagues and the people you



support to chat about your service over coffee.

If you'd like to take part and haven't already registered, there's still time to [sign up](#) on the WBCM website. Once you've signed up you'll receive a free pack to help plan your coffee morning. If you're unable to hold an event but would like to attend one, have a look on [our website](#) to find a coffee morning in your area.



September - From the website

New leaflet to help patients engage better with their care

Our new leaflet [Your Cancer Care](#) lets patients know what they should expect from their care by outlining the eight behaviours of the Macmillan Values Based Standard®. It also provides information on how they can become more involved by providing feedback and discussing their needs.

Encouraging patients to become more involved in how their care is delivered will help to improve their experience. And it may support action planning against the latest National Cancer Patient Experience Survey.

[Click here](#) for more information and to order copies for the people you support.



September - Other opportunities you might find interesting

10th NCRI Cancer Conference: Registration open

The National Cancer Research Institute, a partnership of UK cancer research funders including Macmillan, holds this conference from 2–5 November at the BT Convention Centre in Liverpool.

The programme will cover six main themes:

- Diagnosis and therapy
- Epidemiology and prevention
- Health services research
- Information, patients and the public
- Survivorship and end of life care
- The cancer cell and model systems

The registration deadline is 26 September. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Survey on NHS England's accessible information standard

NHS England has committed to the development and implementation of a new accessible information standard to provide disabled patients, service users, carers and parents with accessible health and social care information, such as correspondence in easy read, Braille or via email.

A consultation on the draft accessible information standard has now been launched. People with an interest in accessible information and those who will be required to implement the standard are invited to comment on the draft.

Please read the [consultation document](#) [PDF] and share your views using the [online survey](#), or visit the [NHS website](#) to access information about the draft standard and the questions in an alternative format. The consultation closes on 9 November 2014.

For more information, [click here](#).

National Review of choices in End of Life Care – share your view

[The National Council for Palliative Care](#), in collaboration with Macmillan, has launched a [Review of choices in End of Life Care](#) to help shape the Government's National Choice Offer. The NCPC are keen to hear from health and social care professionals about the choices people should be able to make at the end of life and to determine how the Choice Offer could be realistically and effectively achieved.

To share your insights, please complete [this survey](#) by 30 September 2014.

Your policy update

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