

October News

Spreading the word about how we can help



This month, we launched our refreshed campaign to healthcare professionals to raise awareness of the wide range of information and support we offer. The campaign tells your colleagues how our information and support can complement the excellent support you all provide throughout the cancer journey.

You might see our adverts in titles such as Oncology News, Cancer Nursing Practice, BMJ, Physiotherapy Frontline or on the [Macmillan Resources Page on Nursing Times online](#). Some of your colleagues will receive a Macmillan pack with more details

through the post in November. You can also [join our webchat](#) on Nursing Times on Thursday 31 October.

[Find out more](#) and please help us spread the word about how we can help.

Find volunteers quickly and easily

We have set up the [Volunteering Village](#) to help you find the right people for your Macmillan volunteering opportunities. It's a simple system developed with input from professionals that gives access to a wide pool of potential volunteers who are warm to the cause of supporting people affected by cancer.

You might be looking for volunteers to assist in your service, support at an event, help with benefits advice or lend a hand at support group meetings. Whatever the role, it's quick and easy to advertise it on the Village.

If you manage volunteer recruitment, [email us](#) and we'll send you our Volunteering Village user guide.

Learning and development

Helping you demonstrate outcomes of your work



We're offering six, free, one-day training courses designed to help you evaluate your work and demonstrate the difference it makes. The course will cover evaluation planning and provide practical tips for measuring the impact of your work. [Email us to find out more.](#)

Evaluation helps to prove the impact of your services and to improve the support provided to people affected by cancer. It can also help you show commissioners and employers the effectiveness of your work.

[Email us to register.](#)

October Get involved

Together, we're tackling the caring crisis



Every day across England almost one million people are looking after someone with cancer. But without support, these carers are facing a crisis. Nearly half of cancer carers suffer from mental health problems, and one in eight says caring has caused physical health issues.

We can influence the government to ensure that carers are identified and get the support they need. The Care Bill will be debated by politicians in Parliament - it urgently needs to address the gaps in accessing support by introducing new rights for carers. [Email your MP and find out more here.](#)

New opportunity to share your expertise

This month we're launching an exciting new skill sharing pilot, creating a number of volunteer roles specifically for Macmillan healthcare professionals in areas where we know you can make a huge impact.

In the digital age, webchats and social media are becoming an increasingly important way of sharing information with people affected by cancer. We'd like to ask you to share your expertise through these channels to help us extend the range of online Facebook chats we can deliver.

If you're a CNS or allied health professional around London or Glasgow and would like to spend 2-3 hours a month sharing your expertise in this way, please get in touch.

Find out more and apply [here if you're in London](#) and [here if in Glasgow](#).

Nominate your Macmillan Volunteer Superstar

The [Macmillan Volunteer Awards](#) are open until 1 December. It's an opportunity to thank your volunteers for the work they do supporting people affected by cancer.

Perhaps one of them has helped you at a cancer information and support centre, on a stand at an event or provided practical support in day-to-day tasks. There is a range of award categories to choose from. [The Deborah Hutton Award](#) is for volunteers who provide care and support to people affected by cancer.

[Nominate your Macmillan volunteer superstar](#) today.

What do you think of *Mac Voice* online?

Help us to improve the online edition of [Mac Voice](#), the magazine for Macmillan professionals, by taking part in this [short survey](#). By enhancing the online content for *Mac Voice*, we can make it easier for you to share best practice, which can ultimately benefit people affected by cancer. The evaluation is running until the end of November. We are also looking for Macmillan professionals to take part in short, ten minute phone conversations about their views on the online edition. If you are interested, please [email us](#) or call 0207 840 4751.

From the website

New on be.Macmillan: clip-on retractable lanyard – based on your feedback



Earlier this year Macmillan professionals based at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust provided feedback that the Macmillan lanyards were no longer suitable for use in a clinical setting, as they didn't meet hospital hygiene standards.

We've sourced a [new clip-on retractable lanyard](#) which was successfully piloted in UHCW and is now available to all Macmillan professionals. In early November, you will receive the lanyard with your copy of the newly updated Resources Catalogue – so look out for these in the post.

It's important to Macmillan that we provide professionals with the best quality materials, and use your feedback to enable us to best meet your needs. So please do [let us know if you have any feedback on our products](#).

Updated interactive financial guidance tool

People affected by cancer can get help with their money worries by using our [interactive financial guidance tool](#). This free and confidential tool, which was updated earlier this year, now offers new features including an inheritance tax calculator, videos about the financial support that Macmillan offers, and further information about managing everyday finances including mortgages, insurance and pensions.

Please keep the tool in mind when you speak to people affected by cancer, and pass on the link – macmillan.org.uk/financeguide - to anyone who may find it useful.

Looking for the expenses policy and claim form?

The expenses policy and claim forms are now available on the '[Practical tools for professionals](#)' webpage in the section for health and social care professionals on the Macmillan website. This information is no longer accessible on Learn Zone.

Free Macmillan shop postage for you and your friends and family

The [Macmillan online shop](#) has just launched its range of Christmas cards. Look out for the Macmillan Bus card; it's a fantastic way to show support for Macmillan this Christmas. The back of the card includes the support line number, so we can let people know that we are there for them too.

We are offering Macmillan professionals and their friends and family free delivery when you spend £25 or more online before 31 October. Just enter MMFP1 code at the checkout.