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An “inspiring day” as Macmillan Cancer Support’s Survivorship Programme declared a success story.

Over 200 people came together to hear how phase two of Macmillan Cancer Support’s survivorship programme made a positive difference to thousands of people living with and beyond cancer across South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw.

The event, held in Sheffield last week, heard contributions from cancer survivors, health experts and cancer specialists.

Speakers included Macmillan Director of Services, Juliet Bouvrie, Macmillan Chief Medical Officer, Professor Jane Maher and National Clinical Director for Cancer NHS England, Sean Duffy.

The Macmillan Cancer Survivorship Programme links up with key partners like Clinical Commissioning Groups, local authorities and the voluntary sector to deliver better outcomes for people living with and beyond cancer.

Last week’s event was a reflection on the successes of phase two of the Survivorship Programme across the region.

The focus now moves to phase three of the Survivorship Programme. It will build on the foundations laid by phase two in Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Sheffield and Bassetlaw.

Will Cleary-Gray, Commissioners Working Together Programme Director said: “It was a really inspiring day with a range of speakers articulating the positive difference the Survivorship Programme had made to so many people.

“The speeches of people living with and beyond cancer were particularly moving. They outlined how the work survivorship programme had benefitted them both during and beyond their cancer care.

“The Survivorship Programme has worked in partnership across the health community, with CCGs, local authorities and the third and voluntary sectors to really make a positive difference to thousands of lives.

“I would like to thank everyone who came to the event and all the speakers, particularly from people living with and beyond cancer. Their fantastic and passionate contributions underlined what survivorship is all about.

“The ending of phase two is not an end point, but the beginning of a new and exciting expansion of survivorship projects as we move into phase three.”

Notes to Editors:

1. There are two million people living with or beyond cancer in the UK with the figure set to rise to four million by 2030. This number is increasing due to an ageing population, better treatments and earlier diagnosis through screening programmes - which means people are living for longer and the fact that fewer people are dying of cancer.

2. The Survivorship Programme event was held at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield on Thursday 30 April.
3. Further information on the Survivorship Programme can be found at www.macmillan.org.uk/Aboutus/Healthandsocialcareprofessionals/Macmillansprogrammesandservices/Survivorship.aspx
4. You can follow information on the Survivorship Programme on Twitter @MacPRnorth Tweets and see photos and contributions from the day by following the hashtag #survivorship.
5. The presentations from speakers, including people living with and beyond cancer, will be available on request.
6. The Programme booklet, with full background information on all the speakers is attached to the press release. More information on specific Survivorship Projects available on request.

For further information contact Michael Brooke, Communications Lead, Macmillan Cancer Support on Macmillan Survivorship Partnership Derbyshire Telephone 07850 775537 Twitter [@MacPRNorth](https://twitter.com/MacPRNorth)

Further Information

Over a million people who look after a loved-one with cancer are potentially missing out on vital support and benefits, according to new research by Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you're caring for someone with cancer and need information or support, call 0808 808 00 00 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/carers

About Macmillan Cancer Support

When you have cancer, you don't just worry about what will happen to your body, you worry about what will happen to your life. At Macmillan, we know how a cancer diagnosis can affect everything and we're here to support you through.

From help with money worries and advice about work, to someone who'll listen if you just want to talk, we'll be there. We are millions of supporters, professionals, volunteers, campaigners and people affected by cancer. Together we make sure there's always someone here for you, to give you the support, energy and inspiration you need to help you feel like yourself again. We are all Macmillan.

No one should face cancer alone. Call us free on 0808 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm) or visit macmillan.org.uk