

Facts and figures: Access to Treatments

 Of the two million people living with a cancer diagnosis in the UK over 900,000 (45%) have a rarer cancer.

Maddams J, et al. Cancer prevention in the United Kingdom: estimates for 2008. British Journal of Cancer (2009)

Rarer cancers are 'other cancers' and exclude the four most common cancers (prostate, colorectal, lung and breast (female) cancers and non-melanoma skin cancer (2008)

Over 140,000 people are diagnosed with a rare cancer each year.
 Office for National Statistics; Information Services Division (ISD) Scotland; Welsh Cancer Intelligence & Surveillance Unit; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry (2008)

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Rarer cancers account for 47% of all new cases of cancer each year.
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• Over 80,000 (53%) people die from a rare cancer each year.

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 90% of the public support the idea that people with rarer cancers should have the same access to cancer drugs that could benefit them as people with more common cancers, even though it would cost the NHS more.

All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2167 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 11th to 13th May 2010. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all UK adults (aged 18+).