

Facts and figures: End of life care

- **Cancer causes one in four of all deaths in the UK**
Cancer Research UK. All cancer combined statistics - Key Facts. (2008)
<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/keyfacts/Allcancerscombined/>
(Accessed October 2010)
- **3,000 people in the UK die from cancer every week**
Office for National Statistics. Mortality statistics; General Register Office for Scotland. Registrar General's Annual Review; Northern Ireland Cancer Registry. All Cancers – Mortality. (2009)
- **Around three quarters of cancer deaths occur in people aged 65 or over**
Cancer Research UK. All cancer combined statistics - Key Facts. (2008)
<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/keyfacts/Allcancerscombined/>
(Accessed October 2010)
- **Of all cancer deaths in England & Wales most (51%) occur in hospital or hospices (17%) rather than at home (27%)**
Office for National Statistics. Mortality statistics. (2009)
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15096> (Accessed April 2011)
- **With the right support, 73% of people with cancer would prefer to die at home. But only 27% actually do.**
Macmillan Cancer Support online survey of 1,019 people living with cancer (2010)
- **Caring for cancer patients in their last year of life costs around £1.8billion**
National Audit Office, End of Life Care report

**UK Office, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7UQ Questions about cancer?
Call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00 or visit macmillan.org.uk**

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). A company limited by guarantee. Registered company in England and Wales (2400969) and the Isle of Man (4694F). Registered office: 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7UQ.

(2008)

- **89% of the British public think the government should provide access to support throughout the day and night for people with terminal cancer so that they can be cared for at home, rather than in hospital**

Macmillan Cancer Support/ICM poll of 1,001 GB adults aged 18+ (2009)

- **24/7 community nursing is available for all end of life patients in only 56% of PCTs who responded to a Macmillan survey in 2010.**

Macmillan Cancer Support (2010) Always there: the impact of the End of Life Care Strategy on 24/7 community nursing in England.

- **Over a third of PCTs (36%) of those not currently providing 24/7 community nursing to all end of life patients specified no plans to improve this service**

Macmillan Cancer Support (2010) Always there: the impact of the End of Life Care Strategy on 24/7 community nursing in England.

- **42% of PCTs who responded to a Macmillan survey in 2010 still do not have a process in place to register people's wishes where they would like to be cared for as they near the end of their life**

Macmillan Cancer Support (2010) Always there: the impact of the End of Life Care Strategy on 24/7 community nursing in England.