



# CANCER IN THE WORKPLACE. WE CAN WORK IT OUT

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Dear supporter

Welcome to our new quarterly enewsletter about work and cancer.

We think you'll find this an invaluable resource. That's because it's a newsletter that is specifically for you – HR professionals, occupational health professionals and managers in the UK. Every article has been written with you in mind, keeping you up-to-date on best practice developments and the resources that are available to you.

We also want to know what you think. We're currently running a survey on our recently launched Essential work and cancer toolkit - and we need your help. By filling in this [simple survey](#) you'll help us understand how useful you've found the toolkit, and how we can improve it in the future.

And don't forget, you can always find more information at [macmillan.org.uk/work](http://macmillan.org.uk/work) or by calling the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00.



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## What do you think of our Essential work and cancer toolkit?



We'd like to thank you for ordering the Work and cancer toolkit. To date, over 3,500 organisations have ordered the toolkit, giving it a reach of approximately 7 million employees.

We'd be grateful if you could take just a few minutes of your time to complete this [short survey](#). Your feedback will help us to improve future resources for employees and employers.

Thank you in advance. [Your opinion](#) is really important to us and we'll be sure to share the survey's results with you later in the year.

## Latest news

## We can work it out

Staying in or returning to work after cancer is not only good for the individual, but also for businesses and the economy. To hear how, more than 70 delegates from public, private and non-profit sectors attended a Macmillan breakfast event at The Work Foundation in London last December.



Macmillan's CEO, Ciarán Devane joined high profile speakers from the Department for Work and Pensions and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development to lead an interesting discussion with the audience.

The panel considered ways of supporting employees with cancer and how this can help the economy. You can watch a [short video about the event online now](#) and [read our Making it work report](#), which takes a closer look at the business benefits of supporting people affected by cancer.

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## Knowing the UK's carers

Groundbreaking research commissioned by Macmillan has found that there are 1.1 million carers of people with cancer in the UK. The report, produced by research agency Ipsos Mori, also reveals that 48% of these carers are in employment.

To see how caring responsibilities can impact heavily upon working lives, [read the full report](#). And for carers in your organisation, Macmillan has created [Work it out for carers](#). This essential new tool gives advice on the questions carers should ask about work and cancer, and it's free to [order from be.macmillan.org.uk](#) or [download from the Macmillan website](#).

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## Help your staff see the signs of bowel cancer

To raise public awareness of bowel cancer symptoms and achieve earlier diagnosis, the Department of Health is launching the first national Be Clear on Cancer campaign for bowel cancer.



You can help your staff recognise the symptoms with free leaflets and posters from [orderline.dh.gov.uk](#). And for advice on raising awareness through channels such as your company intranet, a free toolkit is available from [anthony.aston@coi.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.aston@coi.gsi.gov.uk)

You can find the latest information about bowel cancer on the [Macmillan website](#), too.

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## Practical tips

[See how one line manager](#) and her team supported a colleague affected by cancer. And why not [download our top tips](#) and email them to all the line managers in your organisation?

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## Order more resources from be.macmillan

If you are looking to order more copies of our leaflets, toolkits and other resources you can visit [be.macmillan.org.uk](http://be.macmillan.org.uk). There you'll find all of our free resources for employers and employees.

## Put the fair into welfare



The government is changing the way the welfare system works. Proposed changes could force thousands of people with cancer who are too ill to work into poverty. By [signing our petition](#) you can help us speak out against these changes. [Find out more and take action now.](#)

## Contact the Work and Cancer team

Thanks for taking the time to read our first enewsletter, and keep an eye out for the next one in April 2012. If you have any queries about work and cancer, you can contact the team on [workandcancer@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:workandcancer@macmillan.org.uk)

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