

Become an instant expert in cancer care – April 2010

Helpful reading

1. **The Cancer Reform Strategy** – the CRS was published by the Department of Health in December 2007 and builds on the original NHS Cancer Plan. It sets out a clear direction for cancer services until 2012, describing how cancer services in England can become amongst the best in the world.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_081007.pdf
2. **The Cancer Reform Strategy Second Annual Report** – the second annual report of the Cancer Reform Strategy sets out the progress made in implementing the CRS since its publication. It highlights areas of particular progress and a range of priorities for the future, as well as detailed information on local progress.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_109597.pdf
3. **Nation Cancer Survivorship Initiative Vision Document** – the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative (NCSI) Vision document updates on the first year of the NCSI and describes the emerging vision for improved care and support for people living with and beyond cancer.
http://www.improvement.nhs.uk/cancer/survivorship/documents/83631-COI-NCSI%20Report_tag%203_2.pdf
4. **National Cancer Equality Initiative Vision Document** – this document summarises the progress made by the National Cancer Equality Initiative (NCEI) to date and sets out the next steps for tackling inequalities in cancer. It identifies a range of activity to be taken forward nationally and activity to be considered locally.
http://www.cancerinfo.nhs.uk/images/stories/ncei_report_march_2010.pdf
5. **All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer Report into Cancer Inequalities** – the All Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer's final report on its Inquiry into Cancer Inequalities was published in December 2009. It recommends eight priorities of action to reduce the current inequalities in cancer.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Documents/GetInvolved/Campaigns/APPG/BritainAgainstCancer2009/CancerInequalitiesReport.pdf>
6. **Department of Health Cancer page** – this is the Department of Health's dedicated cancer page which updates on all the latest cancer news from the Department.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Cancer/DH_107
7. **Times article on people unable to die at home** – this article describes the barriers which prohibit people from dying in their home despite two thirds of people saying that that is where they would prefer to die.
http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/health/article7044550.ece

8. **Press Association article on the lack of return to work services** – this article shows the large number of cancer patients whose working lives are affected by cancer and also the lack of support to help them get back to work.
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hk_0NB279JvqNTGLV27AmB7SLO_A
9. **Guardian article on the growing number of people surviving cancer** – this article highlights the increase in the number of people surviving cancer. It also reports on the lack of support services available to survivors to help them with the long-term physical, emotional and financial effects of cancer.
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/jul/14/cancer-survivors>
10. **Daily Telegraph article on the problems facing those with rarer cancers getting access to treatment** – the article details the decisions made by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence which have not approved treatments for rarer cancers.
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7189796/Terminally-ill-patients-being-penalised-by-Nice-for-having-rare-conditions.html>

Some useful links to Macmillan information about cancer

11. **About cancer** – a comprehensive resource which provides information on what cancer is, the signs and symptoms, and how it is treated.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Aboutcancer/AboutcancerHome.aspx>
12. **Living with and after cancer** – a resource which provides information and practical advice on issues ranging from the side effects of treatment to managing finances.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Livingwithandaftercancer/Livingwithandaftercancer.aspx>
13. **End of life** – information and practical guidance to help people affected by cancer with end of life issues.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Endoflife/Endoflife.aspx>
14. **If someone else has cancer** – information and guidance for those helping and caring for people with cancer.
<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Cancerinformation/Ifsomeoneelsehascancer/Ifsomeoneelsehascancer.aspx>

Other cancer organisations

For a list of UK cancer organisations visit the Cancer Campaigning Group website:
<http://www.cancercampaigninggroup.org.uk/members.asp>

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