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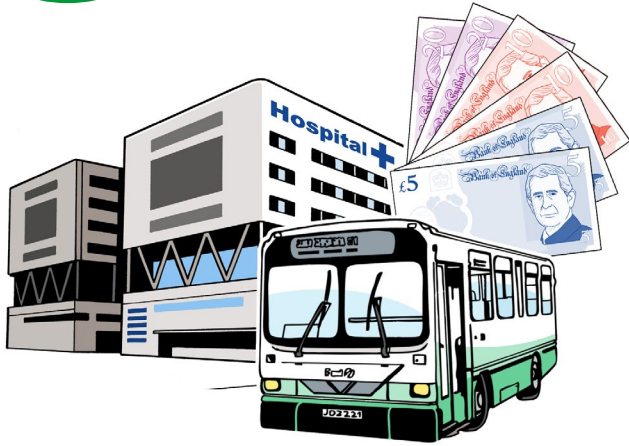
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# Help with costs when you have cancer





# About this easy read booklet



This booklet is about help with money when you have cancer.



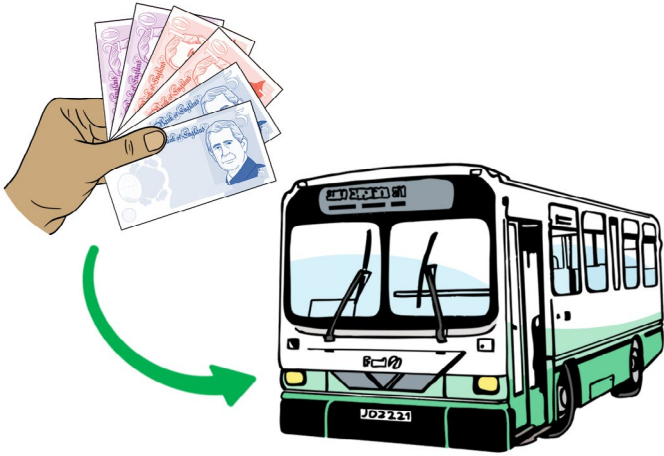
You can learn about help with costs like medicine, transport, looking after children, and other things.



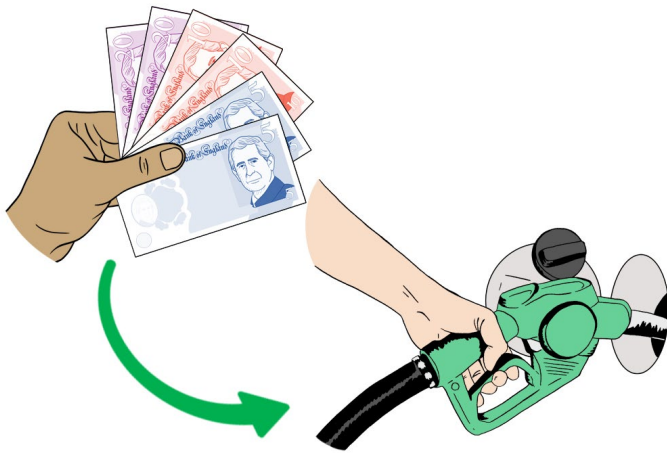
If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.



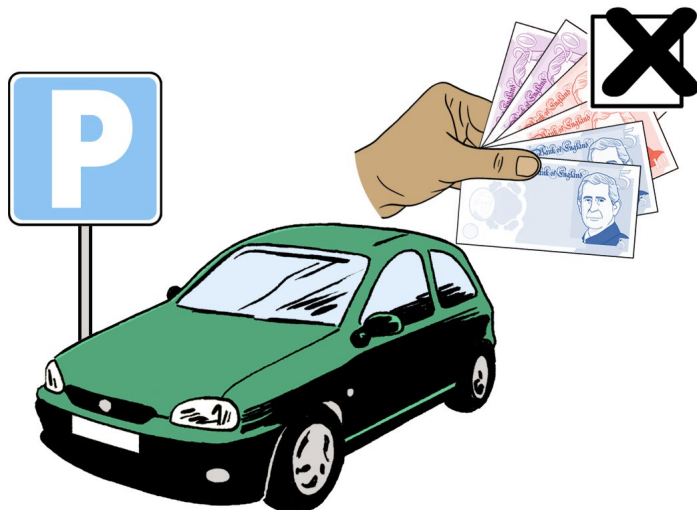
# Help with transport costs



If you do not have much money, the hospital may pay for your travel to appointments.



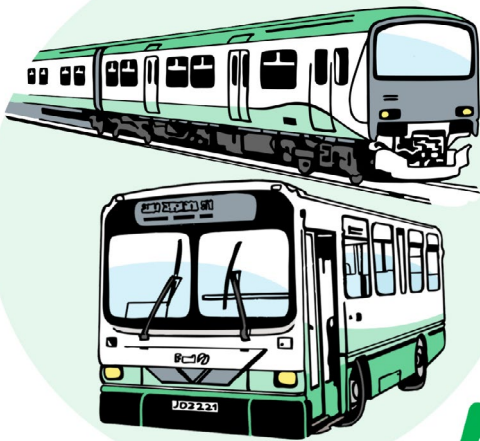
They may also pay for petrol for your car.



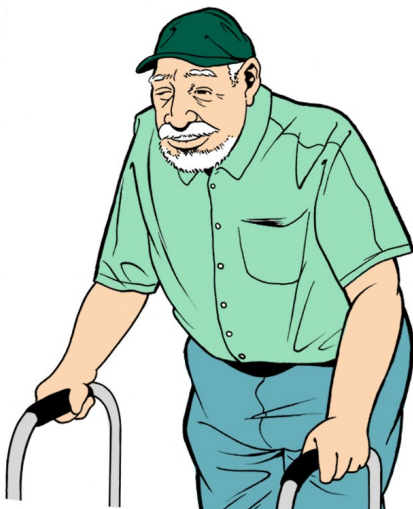
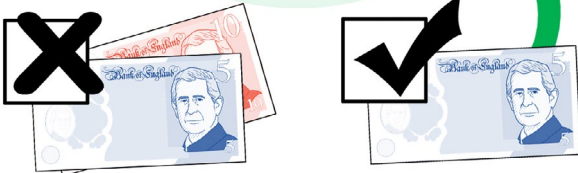
People with cancer can park for free at most hospitals.



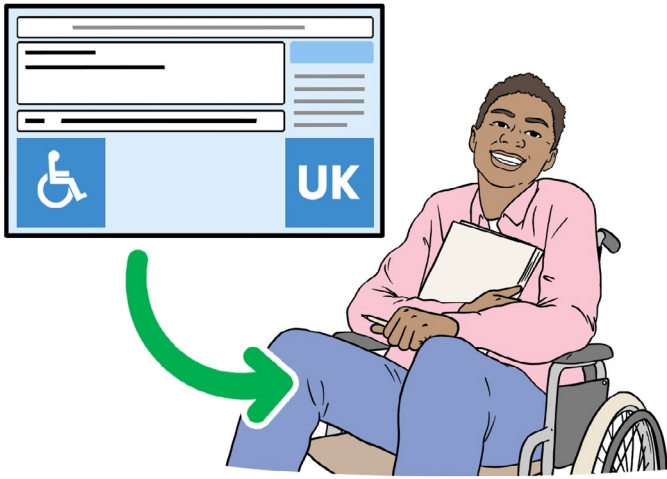
Speak to the staff at the hospital to find out more.



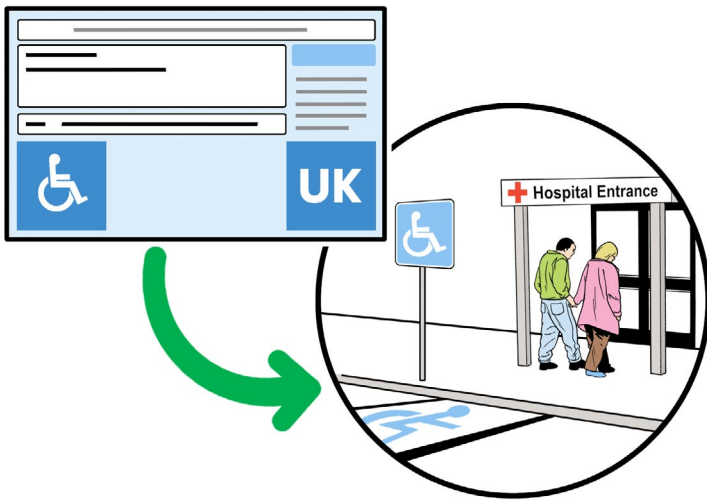
Some people pay less money to travel on a bus, coach or train.



You might pay less if you are older or have a disability.



Some people who have problems moving around can get a **Blue Badge**.



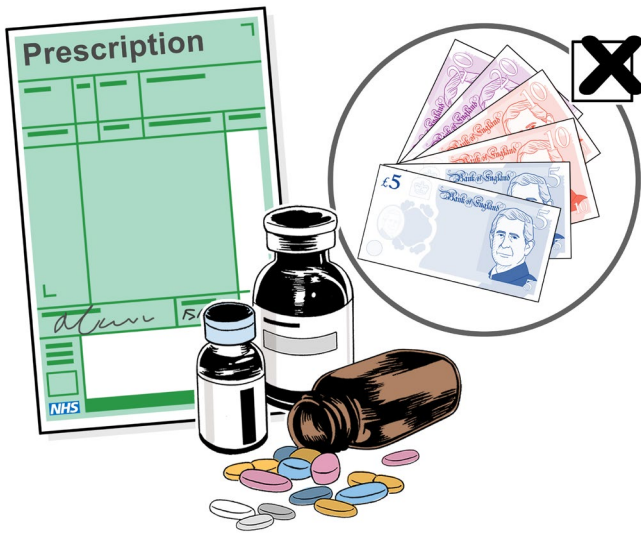
If you have a Blue Badge, you can park closer to where you need to go, like hospitals or shops.



To find out more go to [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) or [nidirect.gov.uk](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk)



# Help with prescriptions and other health costs



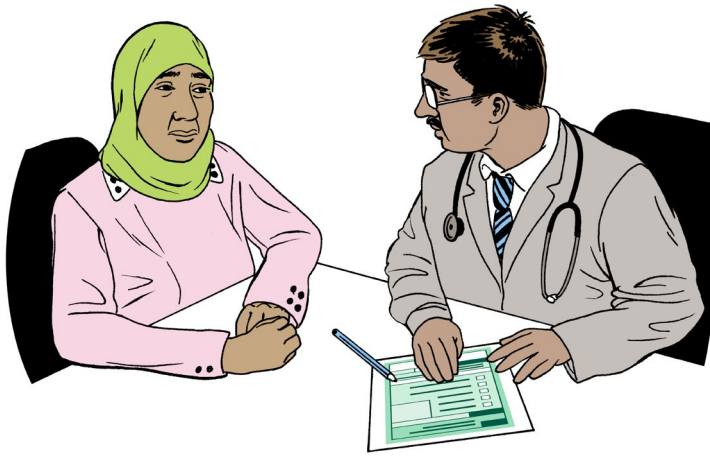
Medicine prescriptions are free for people with cancer.



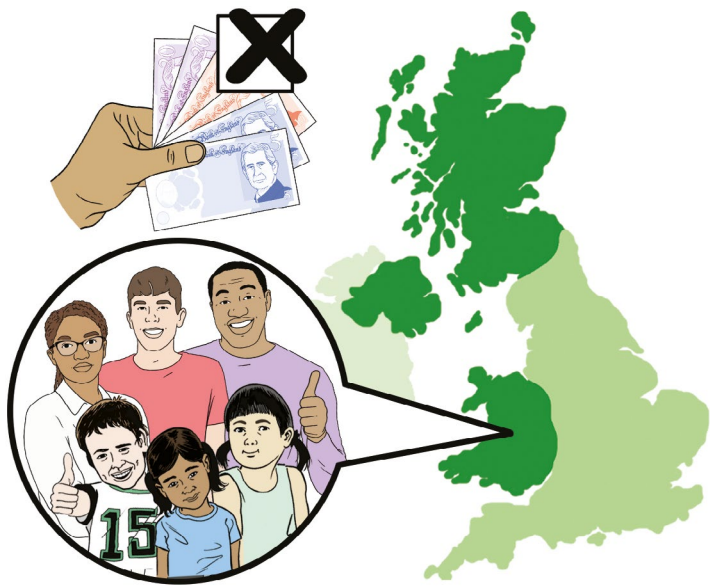
If you live in England, you will need to fill in a form for this. You can ask your GP or hospital for the form.



If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, you do not need to fill in a form.



A healthcare professional can help you fill in the form.

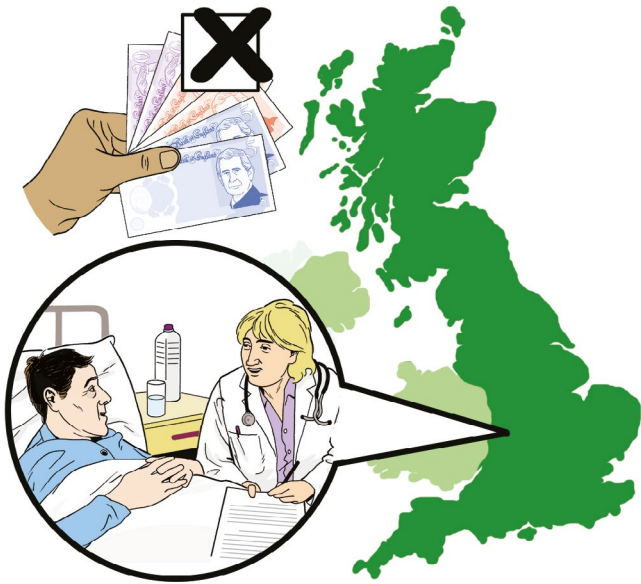


In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, things like wigs and back support belts are free for everyone.



In England they are free for:

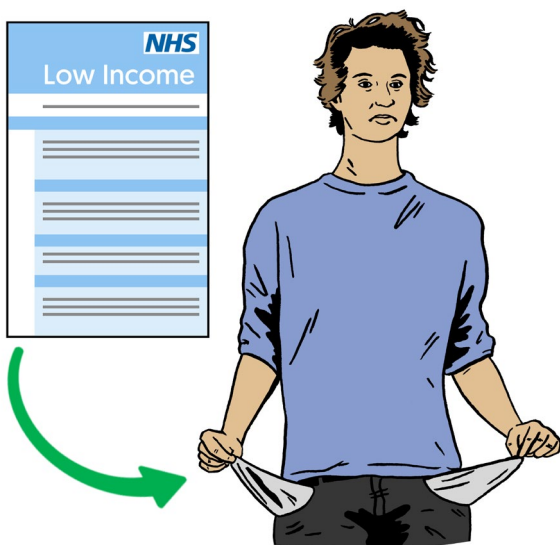
- people who do not have much money



- people when they are in hospital.



Speak to your cancer team to find out more.

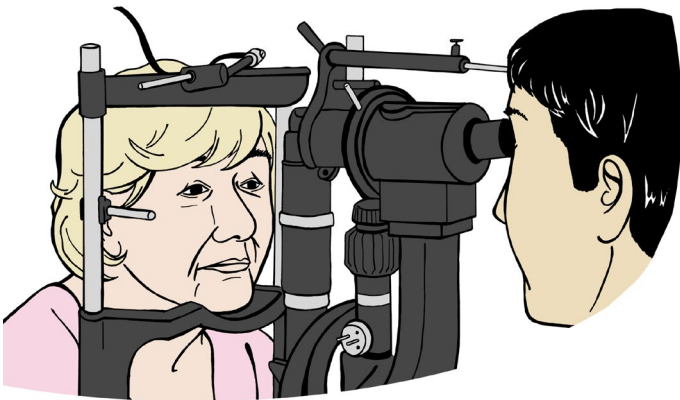


The **NHS Low Income Scheme** helps people who do not have much money to pay for health costs.

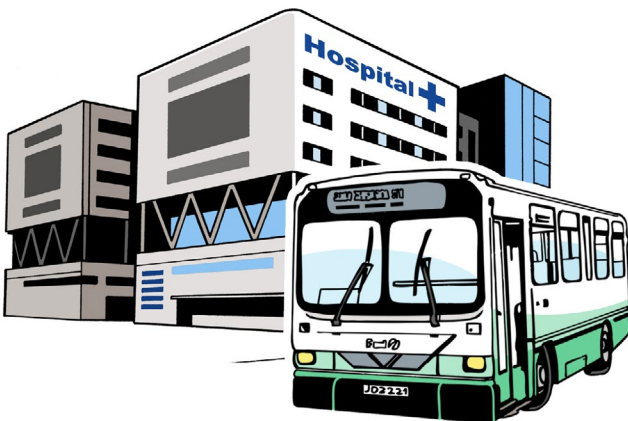


The scheme helps pay for:

- the dentist



- eye tests



- travel to get treatment.



It is run by the NHS, or the Health Service in Northern Ireland.



## Support for parents



You might need to pay for someone to look after your children.



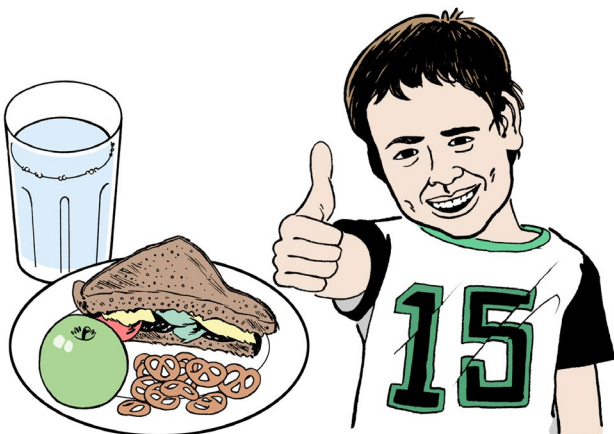
This might be when you see the doctor or go to hospital, or when you feel ill.



If you earn money from a job, you might be able to get some help from the government to pay for someone to look after your children.



You may also be able to get help with looking after children from your local council, a charity or family and friends.



Sometimes children can get free school meals.



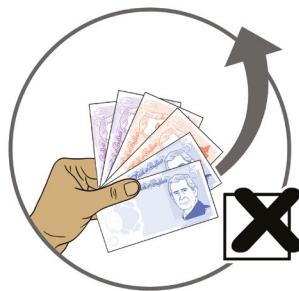
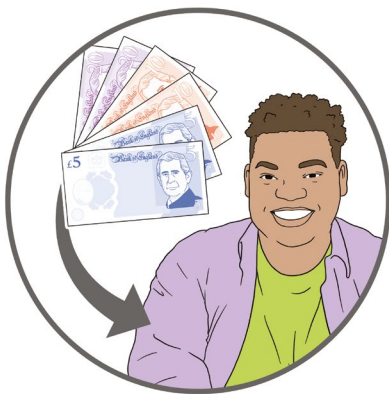
You might also be able to get money to pay for their clothes and for travel to school.



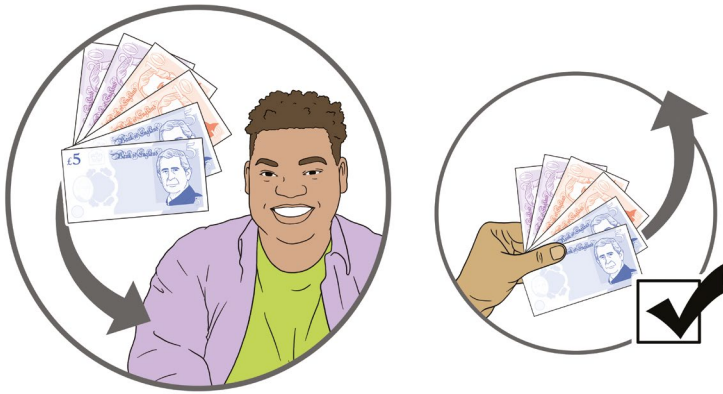
Talk to your local council to find out if you can get help for these things.



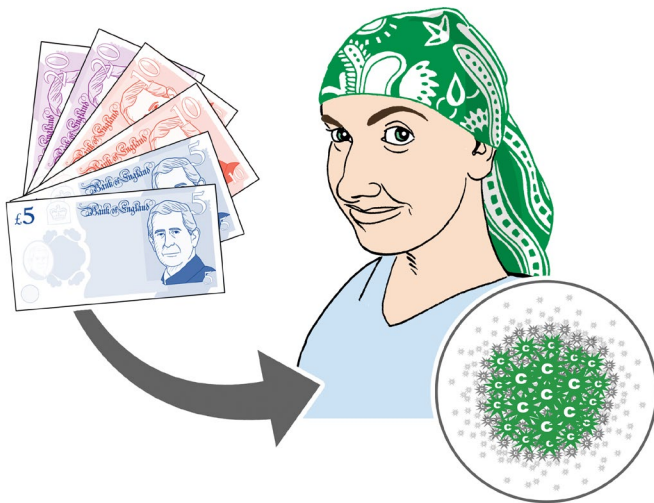
## Grants and loans



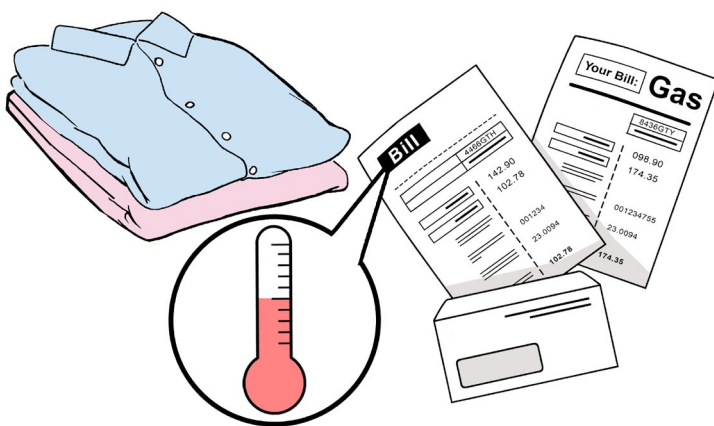
**Grants** are money you can get to help pay for things you need. If you get a grant you do not have to pay the money back.



A **loan** is money you can borrow that you do have to pay back.



You may be able to get a grant to pay for things you need because you have cancer.



This might be more clothes or help with things like heating bills.



Some charities might offer grants. Advisers on the Macmillan Support Line can give you more information.

Call us free on **0808 808 00 00**



You might also be able to get help with money from other places, like your local council.



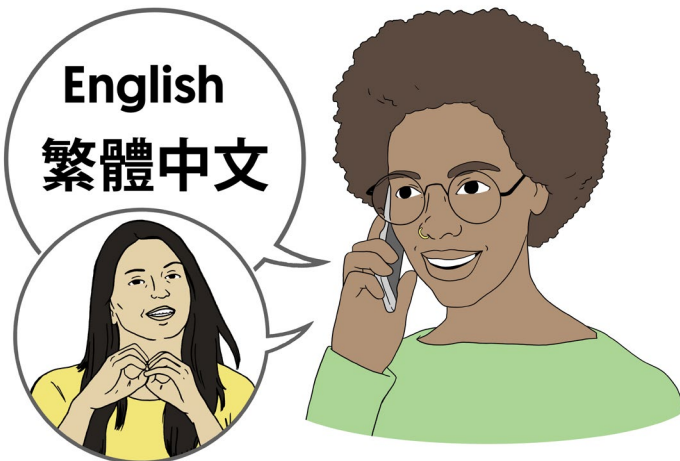
# How Macmillan can help you



You can get support from:

## The Macmillan Support Line

Call **0808 808 00 00** 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.

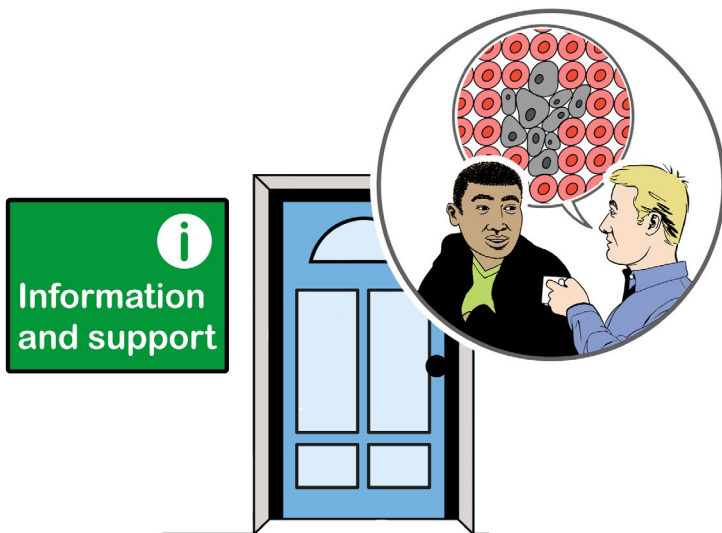


You can speak to us in your language, including British Sign Language (BSL). Just tell us what you need when you start the call.



## The Macmillan website

Visit [macmillan.org.uk](https://www.macmillan.org.uk) for information about cancer. You can also use our web chat to ask questions at [macmillan.org.uk/talktous](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/talktous)



## Information centres

You can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information. Find your nearest centre at

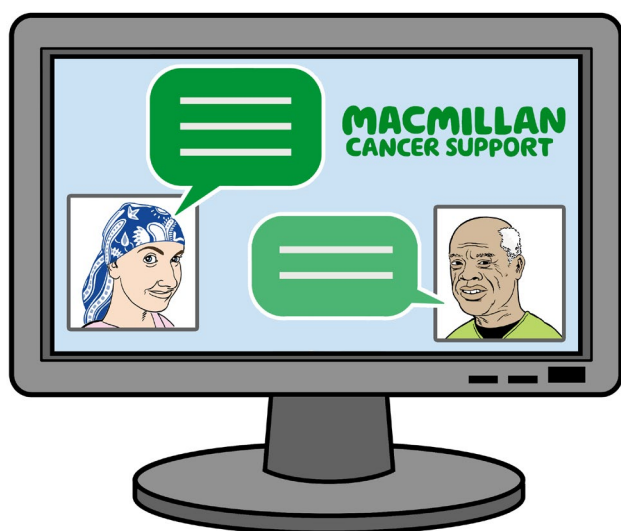
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## Local support groups

Find a group near you at

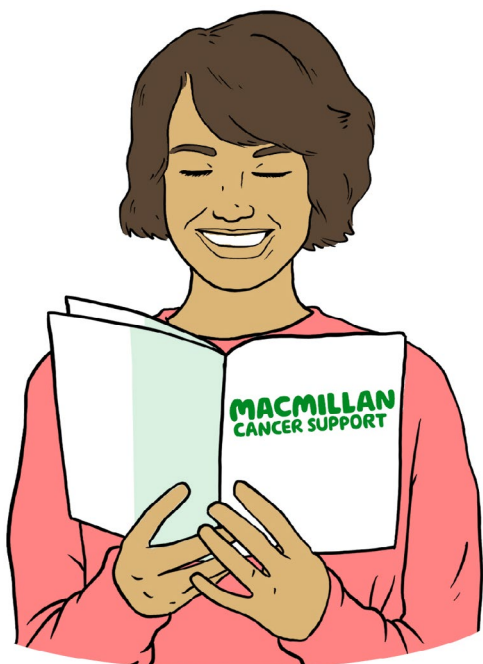
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## Macmillan Online Community

You can talk to other people in similar situations at

[macmillan.org.uk/community](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/community)



Macmillan can give you information in different ways:

### Booklets about cancer

You can order booklets about cancer from

[orders.macmillan.org.uk](https://orders.macmillan.org.uk)



### Videos

You can watch videos about cancer at

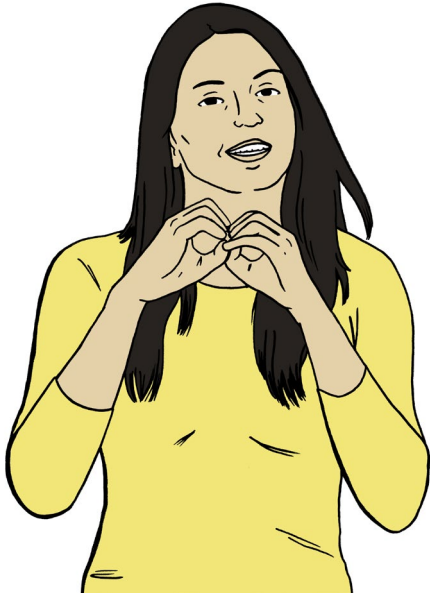
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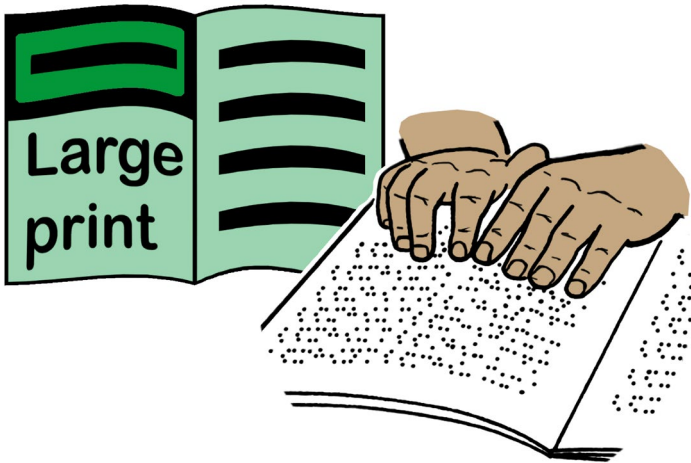
You can listen to information about cancer and order CDs from

[macmillan.org.uk/audio](https://macmillan.org.uk/audio)



### British Sign Language (BSL)

You can watch information in BSL at [macmillan.org.uk/bsl](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/bsl)



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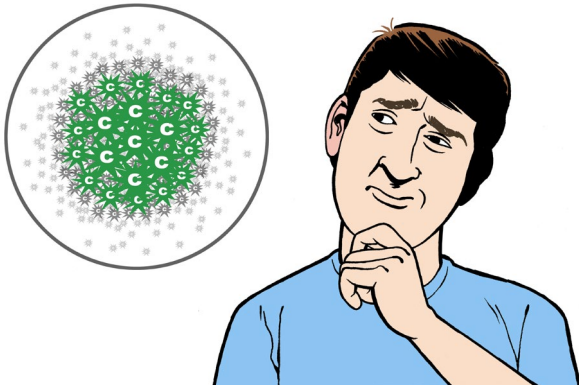
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# More easy read booklets



Order more easy read booklets from [macmillan.org.uk/easyread](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/easyread)

There are booklets on lots of topics:

## About Macmillan

- How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you
- Holistic Needs Assessment (HNA)

## About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?

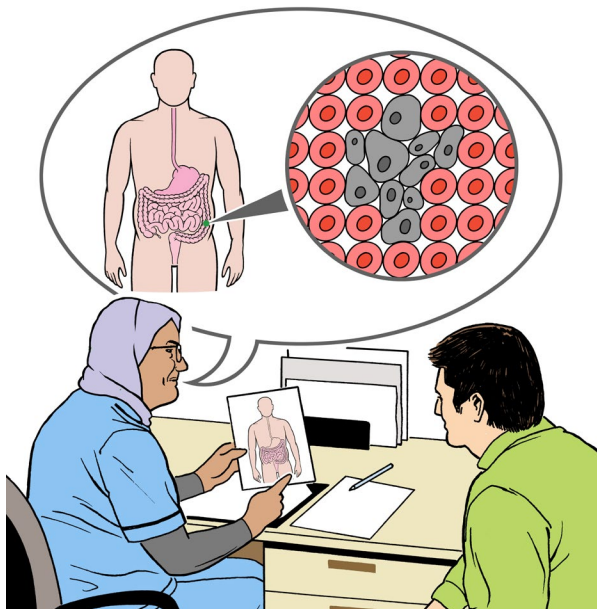
## Signs and symptoms

- Breast care and screening
- Cervical screening (smear test)
- How to check your balls (testicles)
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer



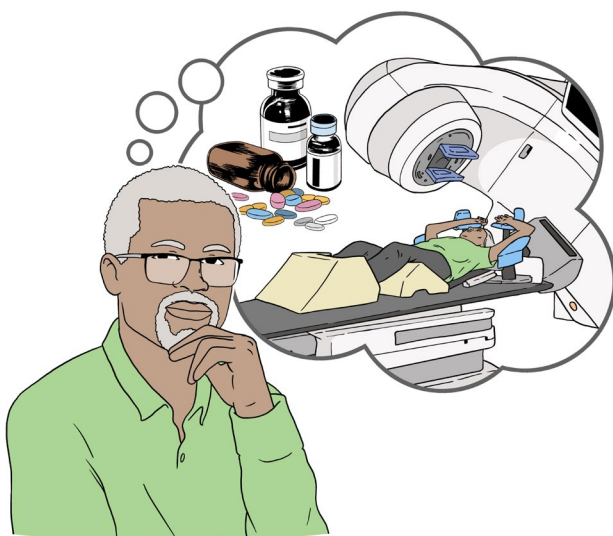
## Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray



## Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



## Deciding on your treatment

- All about me – notes for my healthcare team
- Deciding about treatment
- How to get equal healthcare
- If you are unhappy with your care



## Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer



## Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safer sex



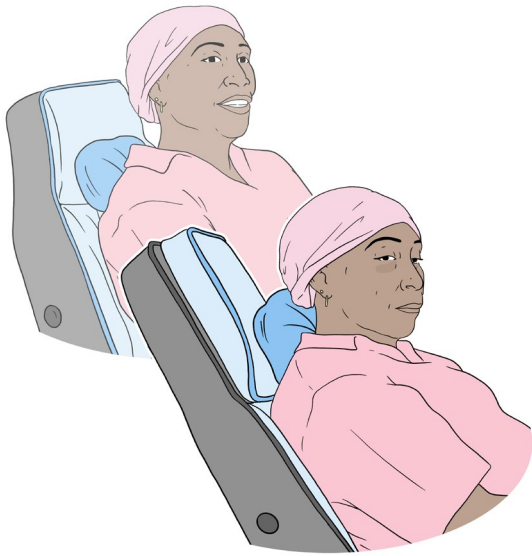
## Living with cancer

- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- LGBTQ+ people and cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings



## Living with cancer

- What happens after cancer treatment ends
- Work and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer



## End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Things you can do when getting ready to die
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying
- Your feelings when you are dying



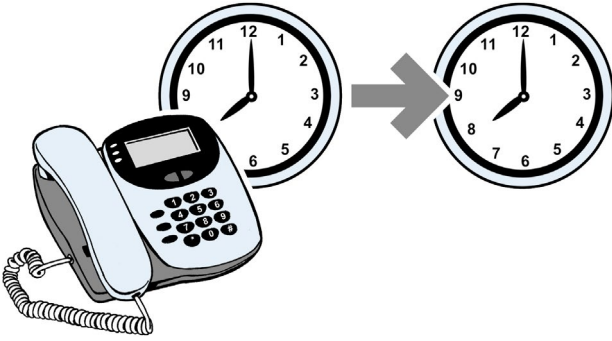
## After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Your feelings when someone dies and what can help

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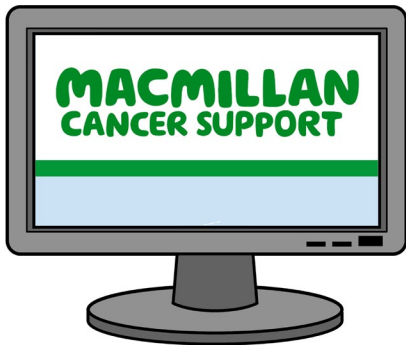
It is for anyone who finds easier words and pictures helpful. If you have more questions about cancer or would like to talk to us, call the Macmillan Support Line.



- Call us free on:  
**0808 808 00 00**  
7 days a week from 8am to 8pm.



- If you use a textphone, you can call:  
**18001 0808 808 00 00**



- Or go to the website:  
**[macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk)**

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