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### March News

#### 3 weeks left to nominate for Macmillan Excellence Awards

The Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional contribution Macmillan professionals make to cancer services.

[Nominate your colleagues](#) who have demonstrated a positive impact on the lives of people affected by cancer through exceptional leadership by **31 March**. If they win, they will receive widespread recognition for their work among their peers, employers and the wider health and social care community, as well as the public.

Download the [awards booklet](#) to learn more about the awards and how to nominate.

#### Care Integration and Patient Safety Awards

Patient safety, outcomes, quality of care and experience are inextricably linked. Many organisations are devising initiatives to measure not just what they do to keep patients safe, but how they do it, which of course impacts greatly on the quality of care provided.

These awards, open to organisations across the UK, seek to recognise organisations proving successful at such initiatives whilst driving quality, clinical efficiency, effectiveness, and safety agendas.

Benchmark your achievements in improving patient safety against those of other organisations and departments from across the country and reward your team for their hard work.

Register today and [submit your entry](#) by 21 March.

#### Quality in Care Oncology awards open 1 April

The Quality in Care (QiC) Oncology awards open on 1 April. This is your chance to share your work and be recognised for the difference you make to the lives of cancer patients. Now in its third year, the UK-wide awards programme recognises cancer projects which improve patient care, and shares these examples across the health service so more patients can benefit.

A full list of categories and criteria will be available next month through [www.qualityincare.org](http://www.qualityincare.org)



For further information, [email](#) or call 01372 414253.

## **Changing Prospects for Cancer meeting: 4 April, The Lowry, Media City, Salford Quays**

Macmillan, in collaboration with The University of Salford and The Christie School of Oncology, are proud to invite you to the 'Changing Prospects for Cancer' meeting on Friday 4 April. As the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative vision for cancer survivorship begins to become a reality for patients, professionals and commissioners, this event will explore some of the emerging issues and controversies.

Delegates will have the opportunity to network and debate potential solutions with regional, national and international figures. Delegates can register to attend the conference in person, or online using virtual attendance software 'collaborate'.

For more information, [email](#) the Christie School of Oncology or [visit the website](#).

## **March Learning and Development**

### **Graduate Diploma (Welfare and Benefits Advice)**

An exciting online learning opportunity is now open to Health, Social, Welfare and Information and Advice professionals. Run by the University of Stirling School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, in collaboration with Macmillan, the programme reflects political and policy directives which recognise the need for comprehensive advice support and involvement programmes for people living with illness.

It provides the opportunity to develop your understanding and advice skills and enhance practice and professional competencies. The programme allows students to structure their learning alongside their work or volunteer-based practice, and is guided by experts, ensuring that a robust credible practice base is embedded within the learning framework.

For additional information or to apply, please [email](#) the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health or call 01786 466 336.

### **Funded places on NHS Leadership Academy programme**

The NHS Leadership Academy has offered Macmillan professionals two funded places on their Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Programme starting in June. The programme leads to a Masters in Healthcare Leadership and runs over 24 months. As the programme is funded by NHS England, the opportunity is unfortunately only to professionals working in the NHS in England. It will involve around 15 hours of study per week, and your feedback will help to inform the Macmillan L&D programme.

If you're interested in being considered for the Programme or have any questions, please [email Steve Richards](#). Candidates will be reviewed before final selection.

For further details and to preview the application form for reference, click [here](#).

## **March Get Involved**

### **Register for Macmillan sessions at the Palliative Care Congress**

This year's Palliative Care Congress takes place in Harrogate, and includes a Macmillan Symposium on 12 March at 6.30pm where you can find out about the Specialist Care at Home project and other initiatives. We're also hosting an exclusive session for Macmillan professionals on 12 March from 2.45–4.15pm.

It will enable you to meet people in similar roles, to network and share ideas, and is an opportunity to influence Macmillan's work. We'd like your thoughts to help us co-create solutions that meet your needs.

The session will be informal and interactive allowing time for you to chat with new colleagues and reconnect with old ones.

Visit the [registration website](#) and update your congress profile to attend



these sessions.

## March is Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

If you're organising any awareness events, please remember to order extra copies of our [prostate cancer information booklets](#) – such as 'Are you worried about prostate cancer?', or our 'Understanding Prostate Cancer' series.

For [ovarian cancer awareness](#), our information booklets include 'Understanding cancer of the ovary' and a Genetics flyer.

And as always, we have [posters](#) that you can download and edit to promote your awareness events.



Event Title  
20 March 2014  
11am to 4pm  
Name of event/location  
Street address, town, county  
tel>Contact Name on 01224 347899  
or email [events@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:events@macmillan.org.uk)

## Nursing and Midwifery Council consultation on revalidation system

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is undertaking a public consultation on its revalidation system for nurses and midwives. It's a two part, six month public consultation, which will run until July 2014. Part 1 finishes on 31 March.

To find out more click [here](#).

## March From the website

### Updated Rich Pictures

We've updated all 19 Rich Picture documents highlighting needs and priority areas for action to support different groups of people living with cancer.

You recently told us that you wanted more resources to help support diverse communities. This year we've created Rich Pictures on people living with cancer from [BME groups](#), [children living with cancer](#), [teenagers and young adults living with cancer](#), and an 'Emerging Picture' on [LGBT](#) people living with cancer, which collates all available evidence on this traditionally under-represented group.

We hope that these, as well as the full suite of Rich Pictures, available to order [here](#), will be of value.

THE RICH PICTURE ON  
PEOPLE WITH CANCER  
FROM BME GROUPS



### Your policy update

Download your copy of the latest [Policy Update \[PDF, opens in new window\]](#)

### Summary of the latest cancer care news

Download the latest issue of [Macmillan's Horizon \[PDF\]](#) featuring abstracts from news and academic journals on cancer care and treatment.

[Download February's updates \[PDF\]](#)

[Download January's updates \[PDF\]](#)

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