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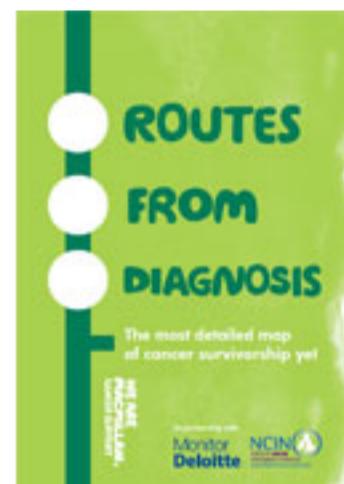
Routes from Diagnosis – major new research published

Macmillan's [Routes from Diagnosis report](#) reveals big variation in survival outcomes, morbidity and cost between patient groups for breast, prostate, lung and brain cancers in England.

Despite the fact that one and five-year survival rates for breast and prostate cancer have improved significantly, this research shows only 20% of women with breast cancer, and 25% of men with prostate cancer will survive long term and in good health.

Macmillan is using this evidence to urge medical leaders and decision makers to lead a shift away from one-size-fits-all care for cancer survivors, and towards more personalised care.

Read the report [here](#).



Thank you to nurses and all Macmillan professionals

This week we celebrated International Nurses' day. It was a good opportunity for Macmillan to say thank you to all the Macmillan professionals who work tirelessly in a tough climate to help make sure that no one has to face cancer alone.

[On our website](#) we're encouraging people to get involved and share their stories of how nurses have helped them. We're showcasing the stories of Kate, who is living with cervical cancer and has been supported by her Macmillan nurse Vikki. And also Andy, who was supported through the psychological impact of cancer by his nurse Jayne.

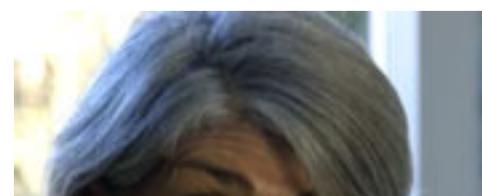
'We don't need a specific date to remind us to celebrate nurses of course. However, as 12 May is International Nurses Day we'd like to say a sincere thank you to all the nurses and other health and social care professionals who have continued to provide the high quality care and support that we've come to expect. We know this hasn't been easy, as you've told us some of the challenges you face, but this makes you even more inspiring individuals.'

Steve Richards, Director of Professional Engagement

Six new centres launched to provide specialist care at home

[In this video](#), Nigel and Brian tell us what it was like to have specialist care at home from the Midhurst Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Service.

This community-based approach offers people with complex needs the option to receive specialist interventions at home, avoid unplanned hospital



admissions and die in their preferred place.

[Six new innovation centres](#) were launched in April to test the Macmillan Specialist Care at Home model in a variety of different contexts. Results will be evaluated in 2016.

For more information email [Nicole Woodyatt](#).



Save the date: Macmillan Professionals' Event 2014

The [2014 Macmillan Professionals' Event and Excellence Awards](#) will take place from 12–14 November at the Hilton Metropole, Birmingham.

The theme of the event is sharing excellent practice in cancer care and promoting mutual learning. There will be some great keynote speakers, a wide range of workshops and of course the Excellence Awards, hosted by a celebrity guest.

Over 300 Macmillan professionals attend the event, so it's a great opportunity to promote your service or resource.

[Click here for more details and a poster application form](#)



Personal Independence Payment for people living with cancer: take part in pilot

[Personal Independence Payment \(PIP\)](#) was introduced in April 2013 to replace Disability Living Allowance for those aged 16-64 years in England, Scotland and Wales. Many people living with cancer are able to claim this benefit as a result of their condition.

Feedback from some healthcare professionals indicated that the requirement to make telephone claims for people with a terminal diagnosis under 'special rules' was a barrier to supporting people to claim.

Following lobbying by Macmillan, the DWP have agreed to pilot an additional paper-based route.

The pilot is running across the three nations and is available to Macmillan professionals only for PIP 'special rules' claims.

For further details and information on how to order forms for the people you support, [visit here](#).



May Learning and Development

Teenagers and Young Adults with cancer conference

TYAC's 10th Anniversary Conference takes place on 30 September at Leicester University. The day will focus on 'Working Together' to explore future challenges in the care of teenagers and young adults with cancer, and learn how positive psychology can influence personal and team behaviours.

[Visit the TYAC website](#) to register and download the programme.

If you work with teenagers and young adults with cancer and are interested in submitting an abstract for poster presentation, download the application form [here](#).

The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 10 June.

Late Effects in Cancer Survivors Conference: registration open

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The conference will take place on 12–13 June at the University of Sheffield.

Key sessions include:

- Implementing the NCSI Recovery Package
- Addressing the consequences of cancer from a nursing evidence perspective
- Impact of pregnancy on breast cancer
- Targeting radiotherapy to avoid late effects from friendly fire.

To view the programme and register, visit the [Late Effects in Cancer Survivors website](#).

May Get Involved

Help strengthen our work on the end of life

To strengthen our [campaign for free social care at the end of life](#) we've done some analysis around the economic benefits and costs of social and hospital care. We need your help to inform and refine this work.

We'd like to know your thoughts about the proportion of people you think would still have a medical need to spend their last days in hospital, even if comprehensive end of life services were available in the community.

Please answer our question [here](#).

What are the barriers to identifying and supporting cancer carers?

We want to explore why carers are not always being identified or given the support they need to look after themselves and their family or friends with cancer. If you have a view on this topic we'd like to hear from you.

We're running a discussion group on Thursday 12 June in Vauxhall, London between 11am-2pm. We will cover expenses and lunch will be provided.

If you're interested but unable to attend on this date, please let us know and we will contact you for a discussion over the phone.

Please [email Lucy Schonegevel](#) to register your interest.

May from the website

In your area - local services on the website

Macmillan has launched a new [In your area](#) web page which brings together all our local services and opportunities in one place, and is available on desktop, mobile and tablet. Just click on the 'In your area' tab on the [macmillan.org.uk](#) homepage.

If you have time to take a look, we'd like to know your thoughts and what, if any, improvements we can make - [via our online survey](#).

Your policy update

Download your copy of the latest [Policy Update](#).

Summary of the latest cancer care news

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

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