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Report praises Macmillan for improving services for thousands of Sheffield Cancer Patients

The Macmillan Cancer Care Survivorship Programme has made a “positive difference” to the lives of thousands of Sheffield people affected by cancer.

That was a key finding from the evaluation into phase two of the programme, which aimed to improve cancer services for the 14,600 people living with and beyond cancer in the city. That figure is set to rise to 28,500 people by 2030.

The report also praised Macmillan Cancer Support for being a key “advocate” for the patient voice, for “leading” the survivorship agenda and for taking “significant steps” towards promoting more holistic care for people affected by cancer.

These positive findings underlined how the Survivorship Partnership had gone a long way to meeting its key aim of ‘improving the quality and quantity of support for people living with and beyond cancer’.

Macmillan Survivorship Programme Manager Hayley Williams said: “I am pleased with the report’s key findings. It outlines how Macmillan Cancer Support is highly regarded by people affected by cancer. It also praised Macmillan’s work in improving the services offered to people living with and beyond cancer.

“We are now moving into phase three of the programme. The evaluation was clear that Macmillan is well placed to continue the excellent work it has started.

“There are many challenges ahead. We have done a lot of good work, but there is still a lot to do. I am proud of the improved services we have offered in primary and second care to people living with and beyond cancer. The feedback we have had from cancer patients, and outlined in the evaluation report, has been generally positive and supportive of our work.

“It is good news that more and more people are surviving cancer. An important element of Macmillan’s work is to ensure effective and tailored recovery packages are offered to people living with and beyond cancer. Across Sheffield we have a range of projects that are implementing the Survivorship programme in innovative and visionary ways.

“The work we do is to ensure every cancer patient feels valued and listened to. We have ensured that people living with and beyond cancer have a strong voice in implementing new services. The report praises this approach and acknowledges our efforts in this area.

We will continue to take an inclusive approach, with cancer patients at the heart of decision making, as we move into phase three. There are improvements to make, but the foundations are in place, as we continue to develop new ways of working, for even better service provision for people living with and beyond cancer.”

Background information

1. The Macmillan Cancer Survivorship Programme links up with key partners like Clinical Commissioning Groups, local authorities and the voluntary

sector to deliver better outcomes for people living with and beyond cancer across South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

2. The evaluation report into phase two of the South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire Survivorship Programme was undertaken by ICF Consulting Services. A full copy of the document is available on request.
3. The evaluation report's findings were based on feedback from key stakeholders, including people living with and beyond cancer. A number of interviews were undertaken.
4. There are two million people living with or beyond cancer in the UK with the figure set to rise to four million by 2030. This number is increasing due to an ageing population, better treatments and earlier diagnosis through screening programmes - which means people are living for longer and the fact that fewer people are dying of cancer.
5. Further information on the Survivorship Programme can be found at <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/SurvivorshipPartnership.aspx>

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Further Information

Over a million people who look after a loved-one with cancer are potentially missing out on vital support and benefits, according to new research by Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you're caring for someone with cancer and need information or support, call 0808 808 00 00 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/carers

About Macmillan Cancer Support

When you have cancer, you don't just worry about what will happen to your body, you worry about what will happen to your life. At Macmillan, we know how a cancer diagnosis can affect everything and we're here to support you through.

From help with money worries and advice about work, to someone who'll listen if you just want to talk, we'll be there. We are millions of supporters, professionals, volunteers, campaigners and people affected by cancer. Together we make sure there's always someone here for you, to give you the support, energy and inspiration you need to help you feel like yourself again. We are all Macmillan.

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