

Facts and figures: Working through cancer

- **Over 100,000 people of working age are diagnosed with cancer each year in the UK**

Cancer Research UK. Cancer incidence by age - UK statistics. (2007) <http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/incidence/age/index.htm> (Accessed August 2010).

- **Over 700,000 people of working age are living with cancer in the UK**

Maddams J., et al. Cancer prevalence in the United Kingdom: estimates for 2008. British Journal of Cancer. 2009. 101: 541-547; Maddams J., et al. Cancer prevalence in the UK, 2008. http://library.ncin.org.uk/docs/080714-TCR-UK_prevalence.pdf (Accessed August 2010).

- **In the UK more than two in every 100 people of working age will have had a cancer diagnosis and around one in 400 will be diagnosed with cancer each year**

Internal analysis by Macmillan Cancer Support (2008). Analysis based on Office for National Statistics, Mid-year population estimates 2008. Cancer Research UK. Cancer incidence by age - UK statistics . Maddams J., et al. Cancer prevalence in the United Kingdom: estimates for 2008. British Journal of Cancer. 2009. 101: 541-547.

- **Over half of people with cancer (52%) who were in work at the point of diagnosis were not informed by a health professional about the impact their cancer diagnosis might have on their working lives**

YouGov online survey of 1,740 UK adults living with cancer. Fieldwork took place between 26 July-9 August 2010. Survey results are unweighted. Figures quoted here are based on people who have completed treatment within the previous 5 years only

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- **Almost half of people living with cancer who were in work when diagnosed (47%) say their employer did not discuss sick pay entitlement, flexible working arrangements, or workplace adjustments when they informed them of their diagnosis**

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- **Almost one in five people who returned to work after their cancer diagnosis (18%) say they have experienced a lack of understanding of their needs from their employer or colleagues**

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- **57% of cancer survivors who were in work when diagnosed had to give up work or change their roles as a result of their diagnosis**

Macmillan online survey of 1,019 people living with cancer (802 were in employment or education at the time of diagnosis) (February 2010)

- **60% of people living with cancer who returned to work after their diagnosis went straight back to their normal working hours**

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- **Some of the main reasons for giving up work that cancer patients give are:**
 - **Not being physically able to work (43%)**
 - **Not being emotionally strong enough to work (25%)**
 - **Wanting to spend more time at home (18%)**
 - **They did not receive enough support from their employer (15%)**
 - **They were not offered/permitted to work flexible hours (13%)**

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