



All Party Parliamentary Group
on Cancer

Financial support available after a cancer diagnosis

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cancer met on 29th November 2022 to discuss the financial impact of a cancer diagnosis. Research by Macmillan Cancer Support has shown that 83% of people with cancer in the UK experience some kind of financial impact from their diagnosis, and for those affected, this reaches an average of £891 a month, on top of their usual expenditure. Additional costs can include things like travelling to and from appointments, increased heating costs, and childcare while at appointments.

In this short booklet, you will find information about some of the financial assistance offered by cancer charities to help your constituents living with cancer cope with the additional financial burden a cancer diagnosis can bring. — **Elliot Colburn MP, Chair of APPG on Cancer.**

For more information about the APPGC or if you are interested in joining the group please email ap-pgc@macmillan.org.uk.



Anthony Nolan offer funds of up to £250 to help cover any extra costs individuals may experience as a result of having a stem cell transplant. They can also offer an extra £150 towards heating costs this winter, as part of Anthony Nolan's Winter Recovery Fund. This grant can be awarded a maximum of two times (with 6 months between the two applications).

The application is made by an individual's healthcare team. This can be a medical professional, CNS, HCP or social care professional. More information can be found on their website:

www.anthonynolan.org/patients-and-families/get-support-us/anthony-nolan-grant



Bone Cancer Research Trust offer up to £100 to UK patients (or a parent/carer of a patient under 18) who are in active treatment or have been newly diagnosed with a primary bone cancer/tumour. To apply, individuals must complete the form linked below and return it electronically to support@bcrt.org.uk. If successful, payment of the grant will be made into their bank account within 21 days or receipt of referral.



The Brain Tumour Charity runs its own Money and Benefit Clinic in partnership with Citizen's Advice. The Money and Benefit Clinic helps those impacted by brain tumours navigate and access the financial support they're entitled to post-diagnosis as well as advice on how to make the most of their money.

Whether constituents want to understand what they might be eligible for, need some help completing the forms or are looking for some support in appealing a claim, then the service is there for them. The service is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and constituents can book an appointment at: www.thebraintumourcharity.org/living-with-a-brain-tumour/get-support/benefits-clinic/



Childhood Eye Cancer Trust offer grants of up to £200 annually to children and families undergoing treatment for retinoblastoma. To apply, a CHECT Support Worker will assess the persons needs holistically and if there is a financial need as a result of diagnosis, they will submit a grant to be reviewed on behalf of the family. More information available at: www.chect.org.uk/your-support-worker/financial/



Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust are able to offer non means-tested financial support grants (of £250) to families of children with cancer in Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Powys, Monmouthshire and also some parts of Devon. In addition, they are able to give support grants to families of children with rhabdoid tumours nationally.

Grants are typically given when a child is diagnosed with cancer, and further grants can be given if a child sadly relapses or following bereavement. More information can be found on their website at: www.gkcct.org/information-and-support/family-support/support-for-you/how-we-can-help/how-we-can-help-locally/



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YOUR Blood Cancer Charity

Leukaemia Care in collaboration with **Leukaemia UK** have launched the 'Cost of Living with Leukaemia Fund'. The fund provides £100 financial grants to people affected by leukaemia, MDS and MPN this winter amidst the cost of living crisis in the UK.

Find out more about the fund and how to apply on their website at: www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/support-and-information/support-for-you/cost-of-living-hub/cost-of-living-with-leukaemia-fund/



Blood cancer care and cure

Macmillan Cancer Support offer various forms of financial assistance to people living with cancer, and their loved ones. Macmillan's dedicated Welfare Rights Advisers can assist people applying for various benefits to help with the associated costs of cancer. They can also signpost people to extra support like Government schemes and grants if you are eligible.



The Macmillan **Support Line number is 0808 808 0000** and is open 7 days a week. Macmillan Cancer Support also offer Macmillan Grants. These are small, one-off payments to help people with the extra costs that cancer can cause. More information here: www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support/impacts-of-cancer/benefits-and-financial-support

Maggie's have experienced Benefits Advisors in all their centres across the UK to help people with cancer, and their families and friends cope with money worries. They can help with finding out which benefits might apply to them and help with claiming them.



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Their Benefits Advisors offer individual advice about an individual's situation, they will help them understand what benefits or other support applies to them if they have cancer or are caring for someone who does. They can help fill out application forms and discuss issues that come up as someone goes through the claims process or if a person's circumstances change over time. To find the nearest Maggie's centre please visit www.maggies.org/our-centres. (Does not include Northern Ireland.)



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Ovacome offer financial support to those facing financial barriers to accessing their support services of up to £300 in any one payment. This grant is non-means tested and requires no application form. Call their support number on **0800 008 7054** or **07503 682 311** to find out more.

Solving Kids' Cancer UK charity have a Big Love Fund which offers £250, per annum, to children and young people diagnosed with neuroblastoma living in the UK or Ireland, who are under the age of 30. They can also provide up to £500 in the case of bereavement to assist with funerals.

To apply, complete the simple online form at: www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/forms/the-big-love-fund-application-form. The application can be made by parents or via a healthcare professional.

Young Lives vs Cancer offer a Cost of Living Crisis fund of up to £350 to young people aged 16-24 who are currently having, or who have had, cancer treatment or their parents. Bereaved parents or a partner of a young person (aged 0-24) who died from cancer in the last 18 months may also be eligible. More information can be found at: www.younglivesvscancer.org.uk/what-we-do/financial-support/crisis-fund/



Young Lives vs Cancer also have resources on their website about other grants and benefits and have dedicated welfare advisers who can answer questions and give free advice on anything from benefits to housing.