



Background

More of us than ever before will be affected by cancer at some point in our lives, and whilst a cancer diagnosis is not always life-ending, it's nearly always life-changing, for everyone involved.

Yet despite advancements in medical treatments and recent improvements to survival rates for some cancers, long term emotional & psychological support for patients and their family members, remains widely unavailable.

Our Vision

That local people of all ages affected by the impact of cancer and other life limiting conditions, can access and receive free professional help and support whenever they need it.

Key Facts

“CancerCare is a unique local charity dedicated to helping families affected by the impact of cancer and other life limiting conditions across North Lancashire & South Lakeland.”

“It costs £1million to provide our range of free cancer support services in the local community every single year.”

“Support CancerCare and ensure we can be there for local families affected by the impact of cancer when they need us most.”

Our Values

CancerCare is: Unique, Local, Welcoming, Professional, Expert & Trusted

Services

All CancerCare's services are completely free of charge and readily available to anyone who might need us including cancer patients, their relatives or carers, and those bereaved.

You can refer yourself by phoning our centre, or be referred by a healthcare professional.

Services are delivered at two dedicated centres in Lancaster (Slynedales) and Kendal (Lakes Centre) and include:

- **1-2-1 therapies:** Counselling, Hypnotherapy, Massage, Alexander Technique, Aromatherapy, Hydrotherapy, Acupressure, Reiki, Reflexology, Nutrition advice
- **Group activities:** Drop In Support Groups, arts & crafts, woodwork, creative metals, and exercise classes
- **Children and Young People's Service:** specialist support for youngsters aged 3-18 and their parents/guardians
- **Services** in hospitals (including Furness General, Westmorland General and Lancaster Infirmary)
- **Massage at home service** for clients requiring end of life/palliative care at home

CancerCare in numbers

- CancerCare was set up in **1983** by a Lancaster oncologist Professor Malcolm McIlmurray
- Around **1,500** clients are referred to CancerCare every year
- We're committed to responding to referrals within **2-3 days**, with no current waiting lists
- It costs **£1million** to provide our free services and we raise **80%** of our costs through fundraising and donations from the local community
- The CancerCare team is currently supported by **20 staff**, **32 therapists** and over **120 volunteers**

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