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Help with costs when you have cancer





About this easy read booklet



This booklet is about help with money when you have cancer.



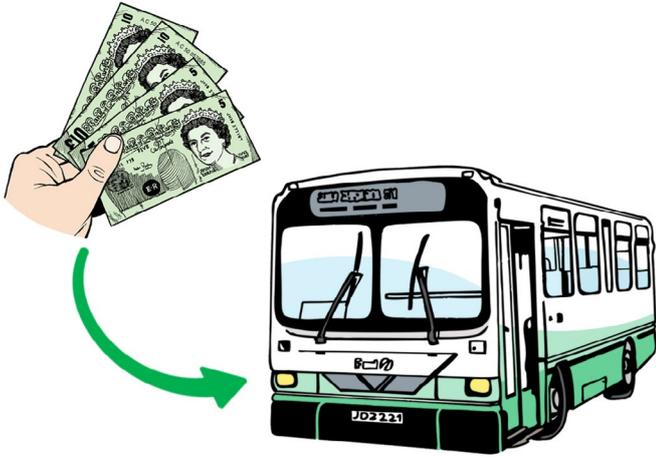
You can learn about help with costs like medicine, transport, looking after children, and other things.



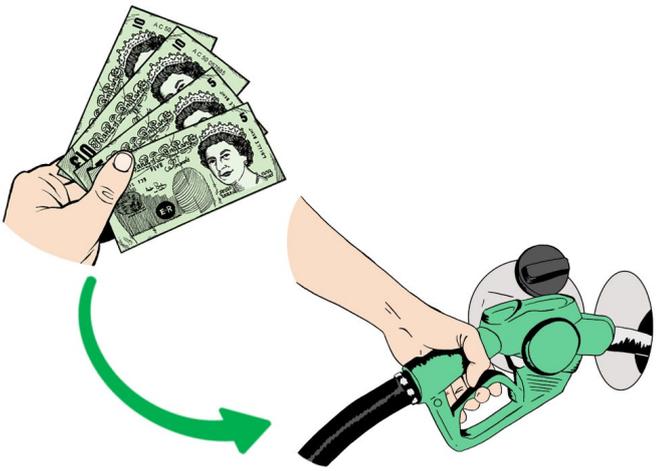
If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.



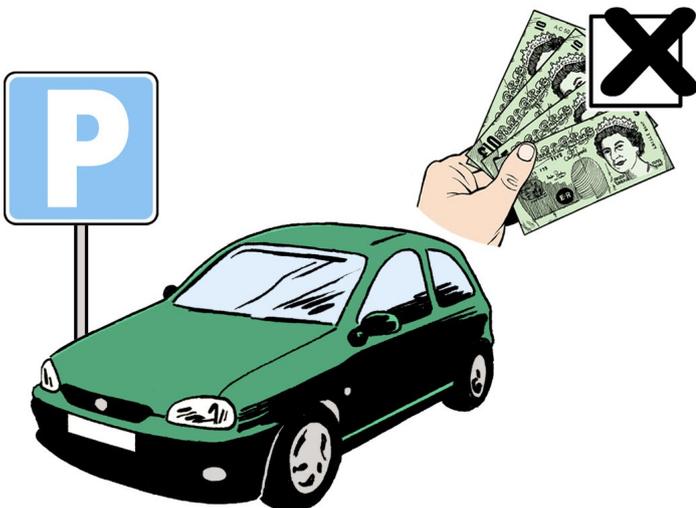
Help with transport costs



If you do not have much money, the hospital may pay your bus or taxi fare when you have to go there.



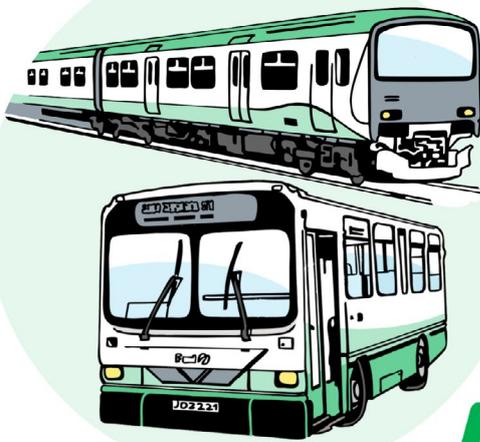
They may also pay for petrol for your car.



People with cancer can park for free at most hospitals.



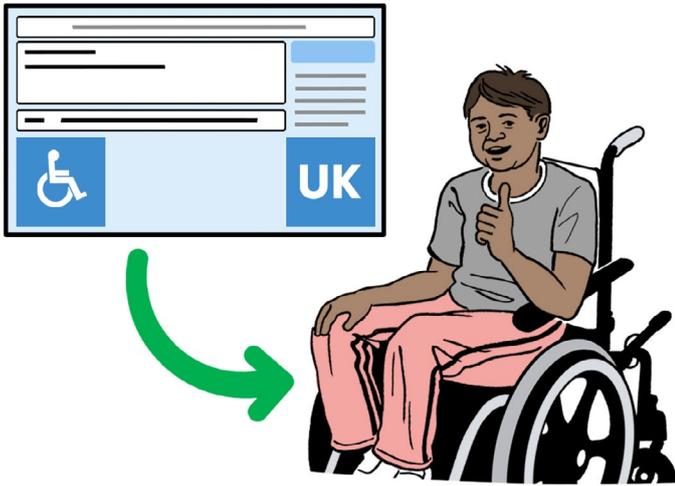
Speak to the staff at the hospital to find out more.



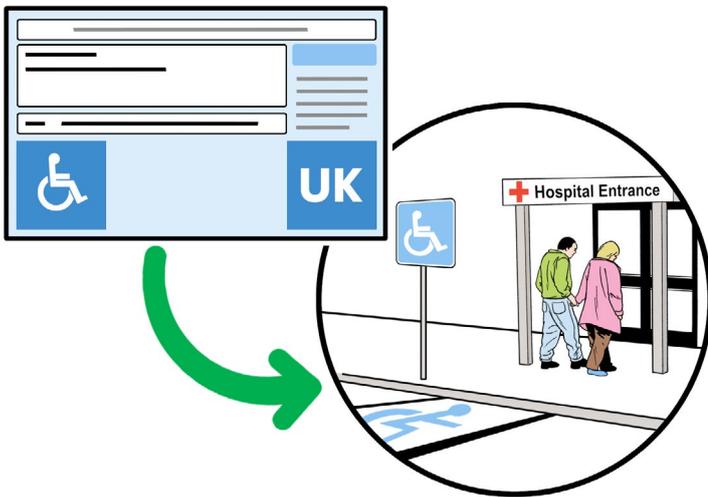
Some people pay less money to travel on a bus, coach or train.



You might pay less if you are older or have a disability.



Some people who have problems moving around can get a Blue Badge.



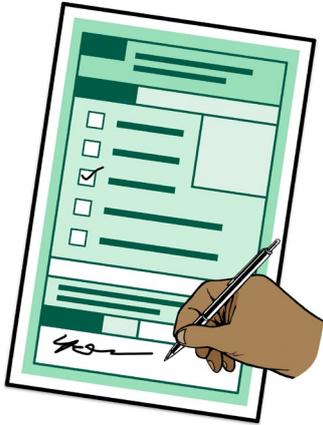
If you have a Blue Badge, you can park closer to where you need to go, like hospitals or shops.



To find out more go to [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) or [indirect.gov.uk](https://www.indirect.gov.uk)



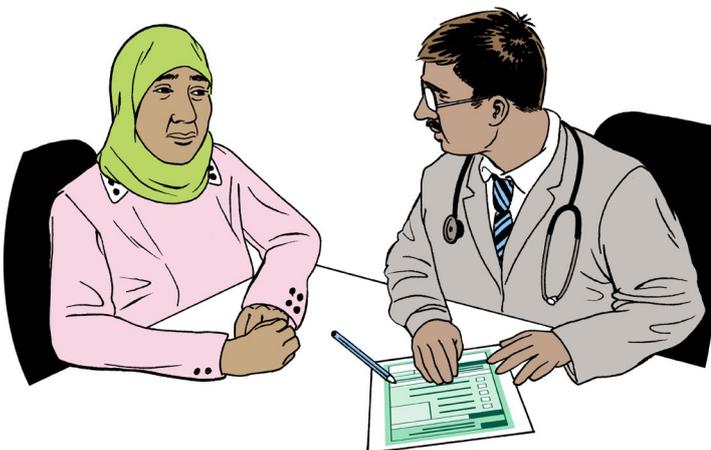
Help with prescriptions and other health costs



Medicines are free for people with cancer. You will need to fill in a form.



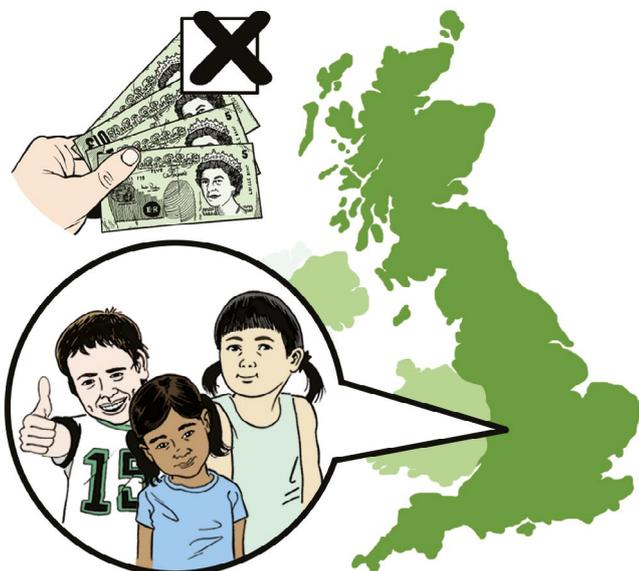
You can get the form from your GP or hospital.



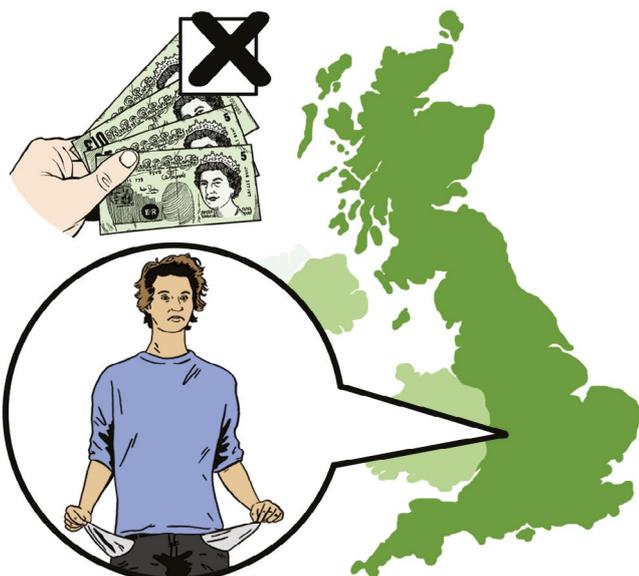
A healthcare professional can help you fill in the form.



In Wales and Northern Ireland, wigs and other things like tummy or back supports are free for everyone.



In England and Scotland, these are free for children



They are also free for:

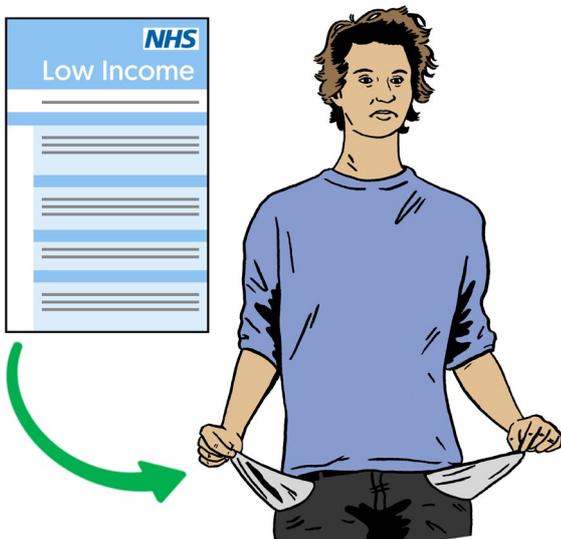
- adults who do not have much money



- adults when they are in hospital.



Speak to your cancer nurse or doctor to find out more.

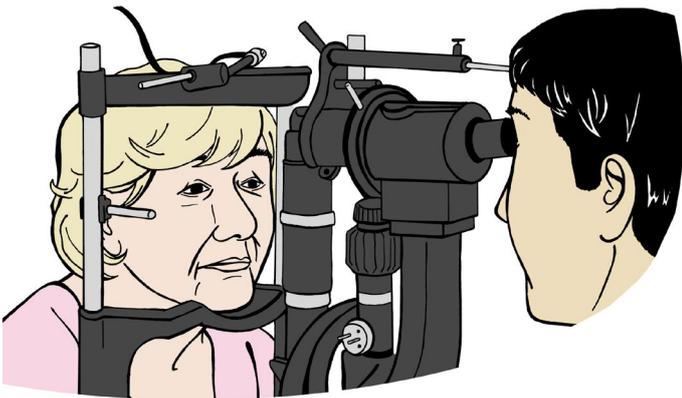


The NHS Low Income Scheme helps people who do not have much money to pay for health costs.

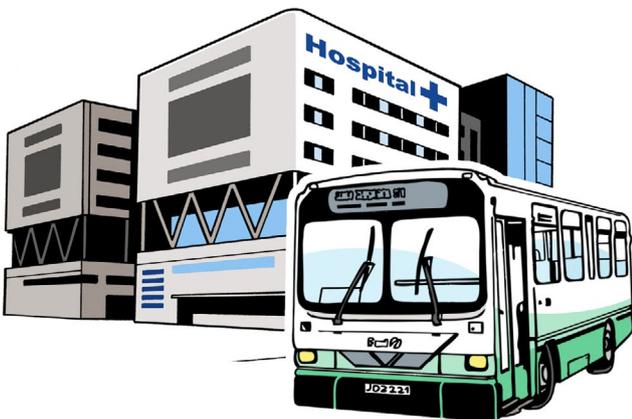


The scheme helps pay for:

- the dentist



- eye tests



- travel to get treatment.



It is run by the NHS, or the Health Service in Northern Ireland.



Support for parents



You might need to pay for someone to look after your children.



This might be when you see the doctor or go to hospital, or when you feel ill.



If you earn money from a job, you might be able to get some help from the government to pay for someone to look after your children.



You may also be able to get help with looking after children from your local council, a charity or family and friends.



Sometimes children can get free school meals.



You might also be able to get money to pay for their clothes and for travel to school.



Talk to your local council to find out if you can get money for these things.



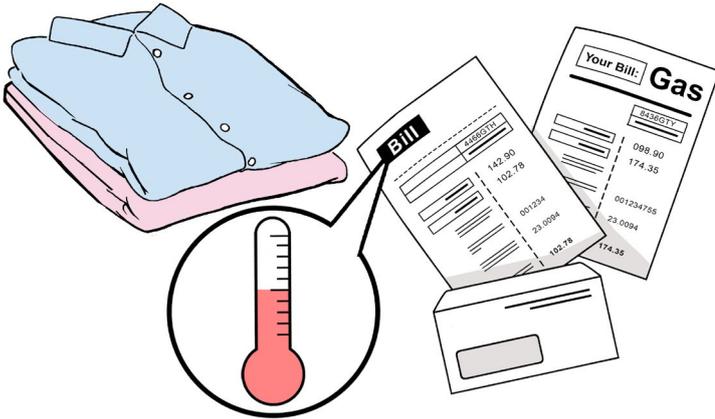
Or you could talk to a Macmillan welfare rights adviser for more information. Call us free on **0808 808 00 00**.



Grants and loans



Macmillan Grants are money for people to pay for things they need because they have cancer.



This might be more clothes or help with things like heating bills.



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You might also be able to get help with money from other places, like charities or your local council.



How Macmillan can help you

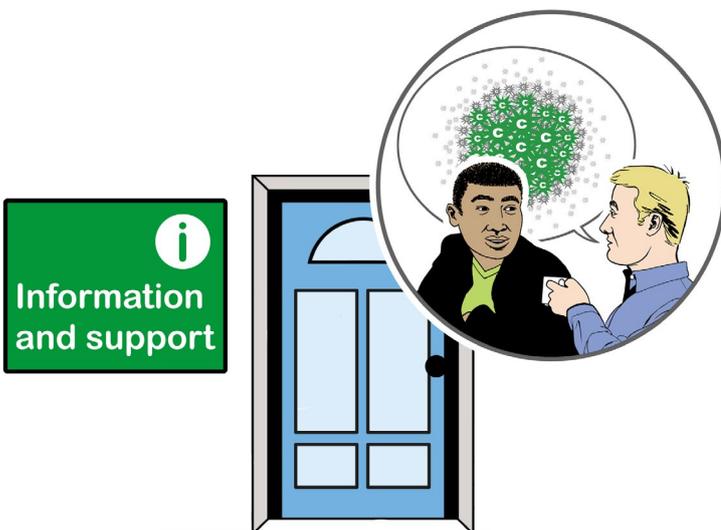


You can get support from:

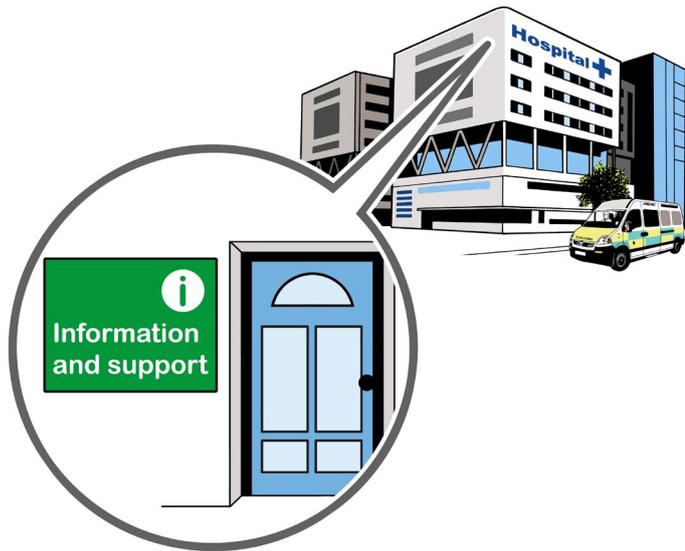
- The Macmillan Support Line. Call **0808 808 00 00** 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.



- The Macmillan website. Visit macmillan.org.uk for lots of information about cancer and living with cancer.



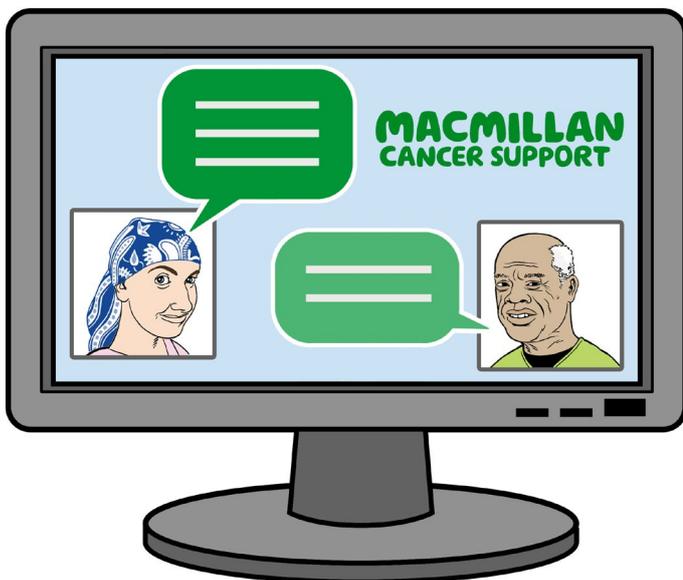
- Information centres. At an information centre, you can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information.



Find your nearest centre at [macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres) or call us. Your hospital might have a centre.



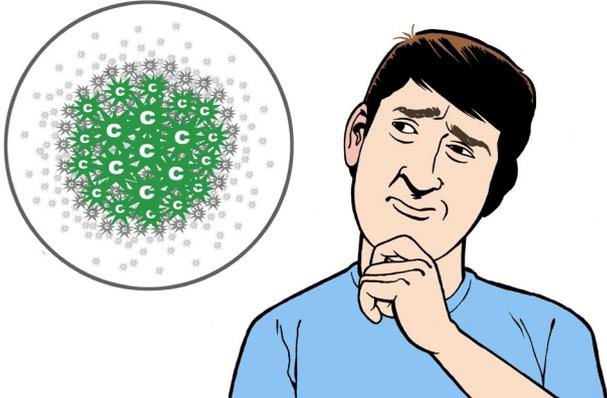
- Local support groups. Find a group near you at [macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups) or call us.



- The Macmillan Online Community. You can talk to other people in similar situations at [macmillan.org.uk/community](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/community)



More easy read booklets



Order more easy read booklets from [macmillan.org.uk/easyread](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/easyread)

There are booklets on lots of topics:

About Macmillan

- How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you

About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?

Signs and symptoms

- Breast care for women
- Cervical screening
- How to check your balls [testicles]
- Screening for cancer
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer



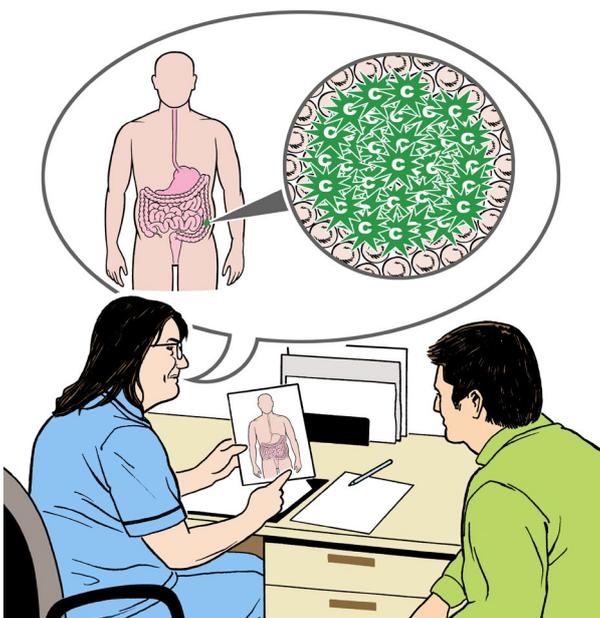
Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safe sex
- Stop smoking



Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray



Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer

Living with cancer

- 7 steps to equal healthcare
- After treatment for cancer
- Cancer and coronavirus
- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings
- Things that are important to me
- Work and cancer
- Your feelings and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer





End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Getting ready to die
- If you are dying from cancer
- Making decisions about the future if you are dying
- Spirituality and religion at the end of life
- The end of life
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying



After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Grief and loss when someone dies
- How you may feel when someone dies
- What can help you feel better when someone dies

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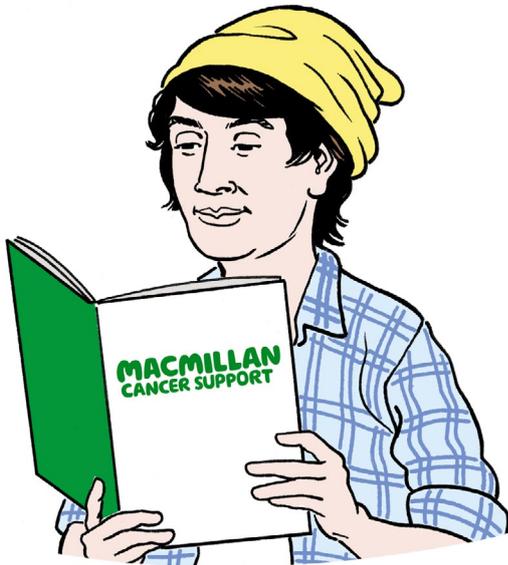


More information and resources



Macmillan website

There is lots of information about cancer at macmillan.org.uk



Booklets about cancer

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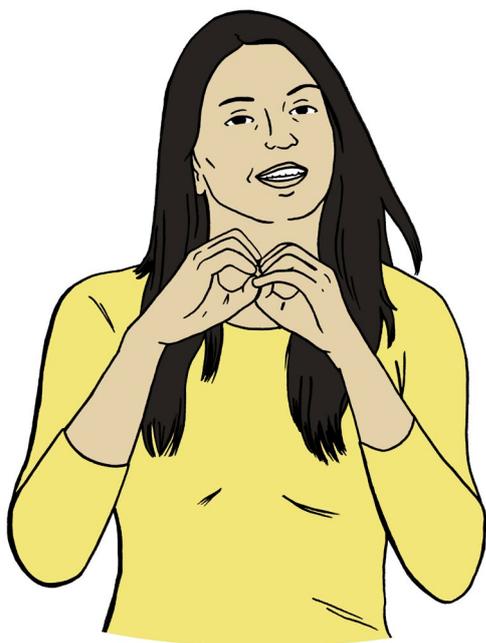
Videos

You can watch videos about cancer at macmillan.org.uk/videos



Audio

You can listen to information about cancer and order CDs from [macmillan.org.uk/audio](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/audio)



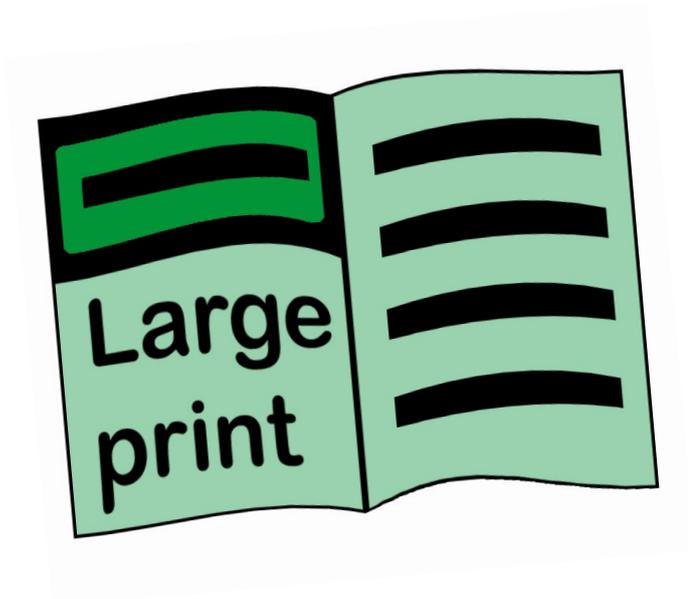
British Sign Language (BSL)

You can watch information in BSL at [macmillan.org.uk/bsl](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/bsl)



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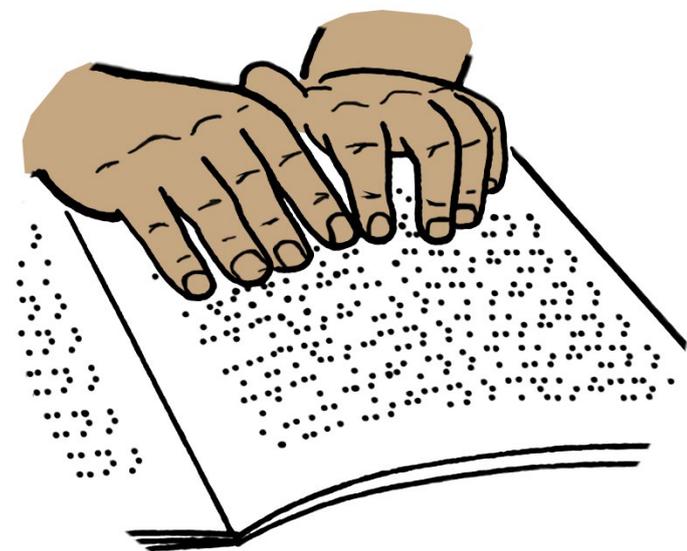
You can get eBooks about cancer from [be.macmillan.org.uk](https://www.be.macmillan.org.uk)



Large print

Tell us if you need information in large print.

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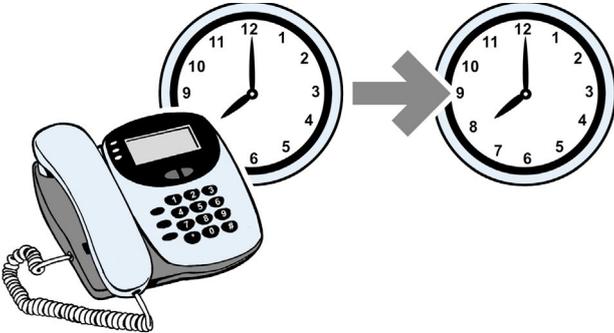
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It is for anyone who has a learning disability or who finds easier words and pictures helpful. If you have more questions about cancer or would like to talk to us, call the Macmillan Support Line.



- Call us free on:
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7 days a week from 8am to 8pm.



- If you use a textphone, you can call the Macmillan Support Line using the Next Generation Text (NGT) service by dialling
18001 0808 808 00 00



- Or go to the website
macmillan.org.uk

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