

Macmillan Support Line

If you are worried about money, work or treatment, or you just want to speak about whatever matters to you, we'll listen and support. We can offer guidance and help you find the right information and support in your area.

Talking about cancer can be tough. Our cancer support specialists offer a listening ear and are ready to talk about whatever matters to you. Providing expert cancer information to help you find your best way through.

Call free on 0808 808 0000 Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Support groups

Local support groups are based in local communities all over the country. If you are living with cancer, they offer a safe and supportive environment for you to talk about the issues that matter to you.

Each group is unique, but they all include people who have been affected by cancer. There are many groups across the South West and you can find your nearest one by using the in your area search on Macmillan's website, <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area/choose-location.html> However 'In Your Area' is not a comprehensive list of support groups and only includes those groups who have requested to be included in it.

Macmillan is working with support groups to help them remain connected while adhering to social distancing and isolation measures.

A list of support groups is available in Appendix 1.

For further information on getting in touch with support groups in the South West, contact the Macmillan Engagement team:

Avon

Kathleen Gillett – 07834 192203 kagillett@macmillan.org.uk

Wiltshire

Elizabeth Stickney - 07764 503475 EStickney@macmillan.org.uk

Volunteering support

Macmillan is offering a telephone volunteer befriending service in some areas and is working hard to expand this in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. To talk about volunteer support for people with cancer near you, contact Piers Cardiff, Macmillan Volunteering Services Manager, on 07866 202537 or PCardiff@macmillan.org.uk

Macmillan Information Services

Benefits advice services

When you have cancer, your income might go down and your spending might go up because of lost work, the cost of travel or maybe higher heating bills. For help with money worries, the Macmillan benefits advice workers can help you.

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call 0808 808 00 00 or visit macmillan.org.uk**



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Citizens Advice - Bath and North East Somerset

During this period advice will continue to be available by telephone, email and on-line.

Telephone: 0344 848 7919 Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm

Email; See template on our website

On-line; www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk

Wiltshire Macmillan Citizen Advice

<https://www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/>

Telephone: 03444 111 444

Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?

Clients who are deaf or hard of hearing can call the Citizens Advice Text Relay service on 03444 111 445

Email; See template on our website

On-line: www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk

Macmillan Online Community

If you're facing cancer, or love someone who is, there may be times when you need to talk about things or just hear from those who've been there. Our Online Community has people who understand how you feel, because they're facing cancer too, it's safe and available online: community.macmillan.org.uk

Social media

For support, updates and tips on coping with isolation, follow Macmillan in the South West by going to [facebook.com/MacmillanSouthCentral](https://www.facebook.com/MacmillanSouthCentral)

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Appendix 1: Independent Support groups

Bath Brain Tumor Support Group

Providing telephone support currently between 9am – 5pm

Telephone - 01454 422701 - www.braintumoursupport.co.uk

Support Worker Sarah Erskine 07711597164 sarah@braintumoursupport.co.uk

Swindon Lymphoma association support group

Bath Lymphoma action support group

National helpline - 0808 808 5555 - not providing advice about Coronavirus, patients advised to speak to a medical professional

Swindon Bladder Cancer Support Group

Telephone support currently being provided

Dick Hills on 01249-822417 (Mon-Sun) or Pete Mundy on 01672-513924 (evenings)

www.swindonbladdercancersupport.org.uk

We Hear You Cancer Support Group

Currently providing telephone support telephone - 01373 455255

info@wehearyou.org.uk

also providing online telephone counselling www.wehearyou.org.uk

Cancer support Salisbury -

Contact (Rachel Salter)

holding zoom drop ins and are offering telephone chats

Please call 07926841698 or email info@cancersupportsalisbury.com

HUG Swindon Haematology Oncology United Group

Providing telephone support: hugswindon@btinternet.com www.hugswindon.org.uk

Telephone - Irene Brownlee on 01488 72100 (Some availability during day, most evenings)

ABC Swindon

a community self help and support group for people affected by cancer providing telephone support

Tina - 01793 823662

Audrey - 01793 725039

Sally - 01367 358164

Richard - 01793 523479

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