

Cancer Campaigning Group urges Government to fully fund cancer strategy ahead of Spending Review

As a coalition of nearly 60 national cancer charities, the Cancer Campaigning Group urges the Government and George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to fully fund the implementation of the Cancer Taskforce's recently published strategy, *Achieving world-class cancer outcomes: a strategy for England 2015-2020*, as part of HM Treasury's Spending Review 2015.

It is vital that the Government provides sufficient funding to achieve the recommendations set out in the strategy which, if realised, will help to bring about improvements in prevention and public health, early diagnosis, treatment and services, patient experience, support for those living with and beyond cancer, commissioning and research.

We welcome the recently made commitments for additional spending on early diagnosis, the Recovery Package and a quality of life indicator and call on the Government to extend their support to all of the recommendations in the strategy.

The full backing of this strategy is critical in creating a modern, high-quality service that can bring England's cancer outcomes in line with the best in Europe. This will help people to achieve the best possible outcomes, supporting them throughout their cancer journey.

About the Cancer Campaigning Group

The Cancer Campaigning Group is a coalition of 60 cancer-related charities representing service providers, research, advocacy and campaigning groups for cancer patients and their families in England.

Founded in 2002, the Cancer Campaigning Group campaigns for world class research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, support and care for every cancer patient in England to bring all services up to the standards of the best in Europe.

At this crucial time in the development of health and cancer services, the Cancer Campaigning Group enables cancer charities to speak and campaign with a single, unified voice, pooling expertise, amplifying the impact of individual organisations, and ensuring that our messages are heard and acted upon by the Government and the NHS. More information is available on our website:

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