

# Online resources – local websites

This document contains details of a number of online resources that relate to cancer. It is divided into three areas:

- local websites
- national websites
- publications.

Please note, this list of resources is not exhaustive and does not include organisations that do not have a web-site.

A more complete handbook of cancer services for patients, carers, families and friends is currently in production. It includes details of all local non-statutory services. Reference copies of the handbook will be distributed to all GPs early 2008.

**To access the web site click on the web link which is highlighted in blue.**

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Organisation	Summary of content	Web address
<b>Action Cancer</b>	Provides general information about common cancers, as well as detailing organization activities such as early detection, campaigns, fundraising and events.	<a href="http://www.actioncancer.org/">http://www.actioncancer.org/</a>
<b>Angels of Hope – Ovarian cancer</b>	Local charity that aims to : link sufferers, survivors and families; raise awareness and improve knowledge amongst the general and medical population; and fund vital research	<a href="http://www.angellofhope.org.uk/">http://www.angellofhope.org.uk/</a>
<b>Brainwaves NI</b>	Support group for brain tumour sufferers, children and adults, their families and carers.	<a href="http://www.brainwaves-ni.org/">http://www.brainwaves-ni.org/</a>
<b>Cancer Choices NI</b>	Empowers local people affected by cancer through support, information, education and advocating on their behalf.	<a href="http://www.cancerchoices.org.uk/">http://www.cancerchoices.org.uk/</a>
<b>Capricorn</b>	Contains information on statutory and voluntary cancer and palliative care services in Northern Ireland. It is designed for adults and health care professionals, teens and kids.	<a href="http://www.capricorn-ni.org/">http://www.capricorn-ni.org/</a>
<b>Cancer Lifeline</b>	This user-led organisation in North Belfast helps individuals and their families to access up to date information and advice to help them cope with their symptoms and treatment. The provision of counselling, complementary therapies, benefits advice, support group sessions as well as a range of information mornings and educational classes supports individuals through the emotional, physical and psychological	<a href="http://www.cancerlifeline.info/">http://www.cancerlifeline.info/</a>

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<b>Health Promotion Agency</b>	<p>Access latest research and information on health promotion within NI.</p> <p>This is an online learning programme for brief interventions in smoking cessation. Successful completion of the course contributes four hours of Continuing Professional Development.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk/">http://www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.hpa-pod.org/">http://www.hpa-pod.org/</a></p>
<b>Leukaemia Care Society (LCS)</b>	<p>LCS provides short breaks for sufferers and their families in Northern Ireland. In some cases it may also be able to provide financial help. They also have a 24 hour care line, which is covered by volunteers from all over the United Kingdom.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/">http://www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/</a></p>
<b>LiLAC</b>	<p>LiLAC is a local self-help support group committed to caring, listening to and supporting those affected by cancer and their families in an informal, caring and confidential environment.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lilaccancer.org/">http://www.lilaccancer.org/</a></p>
<b>Northern Ireland Cancer Network</b>	<p>Access the latest news and developments from NI's first regional managed clinical network, working to promote equitable provision of high quality, standards driven services that are clinically effective and patient focused.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nican.n-i.nhs.uk/">http://www.nican.n-i.nhs.uk/</a></p>
<b>NI Cancer Registry</b>	<p>Accurate &amp; timely information on cancers occurring in the population of Northern Ireland for research, planning and education so the burden of disease may be reduced.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/nicr/">http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/nicr/</a></p>

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<b>Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children</b>	The NICFC exists to provide practical support to children and young people, up to and including the age of 21, who have been diagnosed with cancer, and their families.	<a href="http://www.nicfc.com/">http://www.nicfc.com/</a>
<b>NI Cancer Screening Programme</b>	Up to date information and guidance on the Breast and Cervical Screening Programme.	<a href="http://www.cancerscreening.n-i.nhs.uk">http://www.cancerscreening.n-i.nhs.uk</a>
<b>NI Hospice</b>	A local charity caring for local people here in Northern Ireland, providing specialist palliative care for adults and children with life limiting and life threatening illnesses.	<a href="http://www.nihospice.com/">http://www.nihospice.com/</a>
<b>Ulster Cancer Foundation</b>	The website provides information on the work of the Foundation – providing support services, researching new and better treatments for cancer, undertaking education and prevention programmes as well as campaigning and advocacy work.	<a href="http://www.ulstercancer.org/">http://www.ulstercancer.org/</a>

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<b>Adjuvant! Online</b>	Adjuvant! help health professionals and patients with early cancer discuss the risks and benefits of getting additional therapy (adjuvant therapy: usually chemotherapy, hormone therapy, or both) after surgery.	<a href="http://www.adjuvantonline.com/index.jsp">http://www.adjuvantonline.com/index.jsp</a>
<b>Cancerbackup</b>	Europe's leading cancer information charity, with over 4,500 pages of up-to-date cancer information on all tumour sites; practical advice and support for cancer patients, their families and carers.	<a href="http://www.cancerbackup.org.uk/Home">http://www.cancerbackup.org.uk/Home</a>
<b>Cancer Lifeline</b>	Our goal is to optimize the quality of life for all people living with <b>cancer</b> . We believe the emotional, spiritual, and mental components of health are as important as the physical.	<a href="http://www.cancerlifeline.org/">http://www.cancerlifeline.org/</a>
<b>Cancer Research UK</b>	National organisation devoted to funding research to fight cancer. Explore the research portfolio and clinical activities and apply for a grant. The website includes a patient information section.	<a href="http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/">http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/</a>
<b>Cancer Services Collaborative 'Improvement Partnership'</b>	A national NHS Programme supporting local cancer service teams to improve their cancer and diagnostic services and help reduce their waiting times.	<a href="http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/View.aspx?page=/default.html">http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/View.aspx?page=/default.html</a>

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<b>Citizen's Advice Bureau</b>	Helps people resolve their money, legal and other problems by providing information and advice, and by influencing policymakers.	<a href="http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/">http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/</a>
<b>CLIC Sargent</b>	CLIC Sargent provide information about childhood cancer diagnosis, conditions and treatment.	<a href="http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/Home">http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/Home</a>
<b>Department for Work and Pensions</b>	UK Government department responsible for welfare and employment issues.	<a href="http://www.dwp.gov.uk/">http://www.dwp.gov.uk/</a>
<b>End of Life Care</b>	Advice and guidance on advance end of life care planning.	<a href="http://www.endoflifecare.nhs.uk">http://www.endoflifecare.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Gold Standard Framework</b>	GSF is a systematic evidence based approach to optimising the care for patients nearing the end of life in the community.	<a href="http://www.goldstandardsframework.nhs.uk">http://www.goldstandardsframework.nhs.uk</a>
<b>Macmillan Cancer Support</b>	Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care. Cancer affects us all. We can all help.	<a href="http://www.macmillan.org.uk/">http://www.macmillan.org.uk/</a>
<b>Marie Curie</b>	Marie Curie Nurses provide free nursing care to cancer patients and those with other terminal illnesses in their own homes.	<a href="http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/">http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/</a>

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<b>National Council for Palliative Care</b>	Umbrella organisation for everyone involved in providing, commissioning and using hospice and palliative care services in the UK.	<a href="http://www.ncpc.org.uk/">http://www.ncpc.org.uk/</a>
<b>NHS Don't Give Up Giving Up</b>	Advice on support on quitting smoking.	<a href="http://www.givingupsmoking.co.uk/">http://www.givingupsmoking.co.uk/</a>
<b>NICE</b>	Access NICE cancer guidance online.	<a href="http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CSG/published">http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CSG/published</a>
<b>Palliative Care Matters</b>	Website for professionals working in palliative care or related fields.	<a href="http://www.pallcare.info/">http://www.pallcare.info/</a>
<b>Palliative drugs.com</b>	This site provides essential, comprehensive and independent information for health professionals about the use of drugs in palliative care.	<a href="http://www.palliativedrugs.org/">http://www.palliativedrugs.org/</a>
<b>PRODIGY knowledge</b>	A source of clinical knowledge about the common conditions generally managed in primary and first contact care, which has been designed to be used by healthcare professionals and holds a wealth of patient information.	<a href="http://prodigy.nhs.uk">http://prodigy.nhs.uk</a>
<b>SIGN</b>	Access SIGN guidelines for cancer.	<a href="http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/published/index.html">http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/published/index.html</a>
<b>Talking Cancer</b>	Site includes a range of online discussion forums covering general cancer topics, specific cancers, and support for carers - accessible 24 hours a day.	<a href="http://www.talkingcancer.org/">http://www.talkingcancer.org/</a>

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Publication	Web address
<i>Cancer in Primary Care – a guide to good practice.</i> London: NHS Modernisation Agency, Macmillan Cancer Relief and National Cancer Action Team, May 2004.	<a href="http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/documents/good_practice_guide/Executive_Summary.pdf">http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/documents/good_practice_guide/Executive_Summary.pdf</a>
<i>Improving communication in cancer care.</i> London: DoH, 2004.	<a href="http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/documents/useful_documents/Improving_Cancer_Comms.pdf">http://www.cancerimprovement.nhs.uk/documents/useful_documents/Improving_Cancer_Comms.pdf</a>
<i>Regional Cancer Framework: A Cancer Control Programme for Northern Ireland,</i> DHSSPSNI 2006	<a href="http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/eeu_cancer_control_programme_eqia.pdf">http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/eeu_cancer_control_programme_eqia.pdf</a>
<i>Survival of Cancer Patients in Northern Ireland: 1993-2004.</i> Northern Ireland Cancer Registry, October 2007.	<a href="http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/nicr/FileStore/PDF/Survival/Filetoupload,81424,en.pdf">http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/nicr/FileStore/PDF/Survival/Filetoupload,81424,en.pdf</a>