Cancer affects younger people, too

5% of people diagnosed with cancer are aged under 45

Our challenge

5,792 people across our region were living with a diagnosis of breast, bowel or prostate cancer last year

3% a year
The long term increase in the number of people with these cancers

£2 million a year
Extra money needed by 2030 to be able to treat these people locally

Number of unique patients 2015-16*

Breast cancer
2,711 people

Prostate cancer
1,177 people

Bowel cancer
1,904 people

Cancer affects younger people, too

Women
54%

Men
29%

Over half of female patients with these cancers are under 65 when they are diagnosed, compared to less than a third of men**

This is mostly because breast cancer affects younger women more often than other types of cancer

The good news: more people are surviving cancer

More people than ever before are surviving for at least a year after their cancer diagnosis

While one-year survival rates in the Working Together Programme region are below the national average, our rate of improvement is faster – we’re closing the survival gap

(No data for prostate cancer. Source: Office for National Statistics)

One-year survival rates, %

Our region
(92.0%)
90.3%

(68.4%)
63.6%

(77.7%)
75.5%

(96.7%)
96.4%

Breast cancer

Bowel cancer

Deprivation matters
The most deprived areas have the lowest rates of bowel cancer survival

To find out more about the Macmillan Living With And Beyond Cancer Programme visit
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