Over 50% of people diagnosed with cancer today will survive.

Because most of the people diagnosed with cancer go on to survive, we need to change the way services are planned, funded and delivered.

Macmillan Cancer Support is working in partnership with the NHS Commissioners Working Together Programme, across South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire, to improve support for people after a diagnosis of cancer.

Macmillan has committed just over £6 million over the next five years to ensure people affected by cancer experience the best possible quality of life after a cancer diagnosis.

Our aim

Everyone who has been diagnosed with breast, colorectal or prostate cancer in the area will receive the Living With And Beyond Cancer model of care by 2020.

What’s the Living With And Beyond Cancer model of care?

The Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWABC) model of care is based on three elements which work together to provide support for health, social and individual needs:

- **Risk stratification** – ensuring discharge and follow-up after treatment is appropriate to each patient, depending on their level of need and wherever possible, is provided closer to home

- **Recovery package** – a Holistic Needs Assessment to identify an individual’s needs and any concerns about managing their care from diagnosis. It includes a number of things including a Treatment Summary, Cancer Care Review, education and support.

- **Supported self management** – helping every person to support their recovery in every way from healthy lifestyles, returning to work, financial or emotional support.

This new model of care has already been developed and tested around the UK and is a key recommendation of the Cancer Taskforce (2015).

We want everyone to receive this model of care and we’re starting with the three cancers that affect the most people in our area.
What are the benefits of the Living With And Beyond Cancer model of care?

- Fewer hospital visits
- Care closer to home
- Improved quality of life
- People affected by cancer know what’s going on with their health and know what to expect
- People affected by cancer will have one set of information, which will be used by everyone providing care

As well as the benefits for people affected by cancer there are wider benefits for the NHS and local support services.

The LWABC model of care makes the best possible use of the resources available, reduces duplication and plans ahead for what patients need at every stage.

Supporting patients to have a better quality of life has a wider effect on their families and society. Supporting people to return to work or to move on with their lives has both a personal and an economic benefit.

Why are Macmillan and the NHS doing this?

Macmillan needs to work with partners to make the changes to the cancer care system that we know need to happen, we can’t do it on our own. The Cancer Taskforce (2015) identified a number of ways that cancer services and the experience of patients needed to be improved.

The LWABC model of care is a recommendation of the Independent Cancer Taskforce (2015)

Why are you only focusing on breast, prostate and colorectal cancer?

Breast, prostate and colorectal cancers affect the most people in our area and are among the most common cancers in the UK.

We anticipate that the largest number of people surviving cancer in the UK to have had one of these types of cancer.

We have already worked with breast, prostate and colorectal cancer teams across the area and have an evidence base to build on.

What does that mean for other types of cancer?

Any changes we make to cancer services as part of the Macmillan Living With And Beyond Cancer Programme will have a positive impact on services for all cancers in the area.

There may even be changes that benefit people with other long term conditions.

Richard Metcalfe, Macmillan Programme Lead, Macmillan Living With And Beyond Cancer Programme

The Macmillan Living With And Beyond Cancer Programme is led by a small, dedicated team working to support local areas to develop their plans between now and 2020.

For further information
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