Staffordshire & Wolverhampton

Cancer Advocacy & Support Project for people aged 50+



NO ONE IN WOLVERHAMPTON **SHOULD FACE** CANCER ALONE

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Who are we?

The Staffordshire & Wolverhampton Cancer Advocacy and Support project is a partnership between the Beth Johnson Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support and is funded by Macmillan Cancer Support.

Who can we help?

Being diagnosed with cancer is the toughest thing most of us will ever face. Not just for the person diagnosed but for everyone caring for and supporting them. But you don't have to face it alone.

We are here for anyone who is aged 50 or over who has been affected by cancer, either as a patient or a family member, friend or carer. We can provide support with resolving or speaking out about a wide variety of issues or problems, allowing you to focus on your health and well-being.



How can we help?

Our aim is to help to improve your quality of life by enabling you to resolve any difficulties you may be facing. Whether directly related to cancer or not, no matter what the issue is, we will support you in finding a solution.

Our team of independent advocates can provide support and information around a wide variety of topics. For example, you may need support at your appointments, want to know how to claim benefits, be looking for local groups or activities, or maybe need some support with your role as carer.

Our Advocates can:

- give you time and listen to what you are saying
- help you to make the choices that give you control over your life
- help you to talk to your healthcare professionals about your needs and the choices available to you
- help you to find and access the services that are right for you
- speak alongside you to help you to stand up for what you feel are your best interests
- find information and explain it for you

Whatever your issue may be, we can help you find a way forward. If you have more than one or a particularly complex issue, we can continue to offer ongoing support until you feel the issue has been successfully resolved.

The Staffordshire and Wolverhampton Cancer Advocacy and Support Project is led by health and social care professionals and supported by a team of trained volunteers. Our service is free, confidential and independent.

How to get in touch

It's easy! You can telephone the Beth Johnson Foundation on 01782 844036 or you can email us at macmillan@bjf.org.uk

Alternatively you can ask a family member, friend or anyone involved in your care to contact us on your behalf - all they need is your permission to do so.

A member of our team will visit you in the comfort of your own home to find out what difficulties you are experiencing and together you'll work out a way forward.

If you think that you have what it takes to make a real difference for someone affected by Cancer by becoming a volunteer advocate, give us a call!

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When you have cancer, you don't just worry about what will happen to your body, you worry about what will happen to your life. At Macmillan, we know how a cancer diagnosis can affect everything and we're here to support you through.

If you have any questions about cancer, need support or just someone to talk to, call free, Monday to Friday 9am-8pm on 0808 808 00 00 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk.

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