

Your guide to cancer services  
in the Kent and Medway area

**CANCER  
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# We're here for you

Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face. But you don't have to go through it alone. The Macmillan team is in your corner. We are the nurses helping you through treatment. The experts on the end of the phone who can answer your questions. The advisers telling you which benefits you're entitled to.

We are Macmillan Cancer Support and we'll be with you every step of the way.

## High-quality information and support

Visit one of our many information and support centres in your area for clear information about cancer and face-to-face support. Our team of trained staff and volunteers are there to talk about your issues and concerns.

You'll find details of the cancer information and support centres in the Kent and Medway area on page 4.

## Financial support

The costs of cancer can stack up, and money worries are the last thing you need when you're facing the toughest fight of your life. But we can help with a wide range of financial issues. We can let you know how to apply for a Macmillan Grant. We can help you understand which benefits you're entitled to. We can even offer you straightforward financial guidance over the phone on matters including pensions, mortgages, insurance and savings.

You'll find details of financial support services in the Kent and Medway area on page 4.



# Local services

## Cancer information and support centres

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### Services developed in partnership with Macmillan

#### Kent Oncology Macmillan Information Centre

Kent Oncology Centre,  
Maidstone Hospital,  
Hermitage Lane, Barming,  
Maidstone, Kent ME16 9QQ

**01622 227064**

Monday–Friday, 10am–4pm

Whether you have cancer yourself, care for a friend or relative, or just want to know more about cancer, you're welcome to drop in to our information and support centre. We also offer counselling and Look Good...Feel Better skincare and make-up workshops for women having cancer treatment.

## Financial support services

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### The Medway Council and Macmillan Welfare Benefits Service

Medway Council,  
Chatham,  
Kent ME4 4TR

**01634 333511**

Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

We offer confidential advice and practical help with benefits to people affected by cancer, their families and carers. Appointments can be arranged for home visits and at Medway Maritime Hospital.

### Macmillan Welfare Advice Service (East Kent)

3 Westgate Hall Road,  
Canterbury,  
Kent CT1 2BT

**01227 762122**

**[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/canterburycitizensadvice](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/canterburycitizensadvice)**

Monday–Friday, 9.30–4.30pm

Free and confidential benefits advice to people living with cancer and their families. We can advise you on a range of issues including what benefits you're eligible for, how to maximise your income, appeals, tax credits, grants, housing costs and transport concessions.

## Support on the high street

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For more information about sources of cancer support, pop into your local Boots store or to find your nearest Boots visit **[boots.com](http://boots.com)**.

# Someone to talk to

You don't have to go through cancer alone. Whether you want support and information or you'd just like to talk, our team of cancer support specialists at the Macmillan Support Line are only a phone call away. From answering questions about cancer types and treatments to helping you find out what benefits you're entitled to, they're here to talk about whatever's on your mind. Call them on **0808 808 00 00** any time from Monday to Friday, 9am–8pm. It's free, even from mobile phones.

What's more, our website is packed with high-quality cancer information that covers everything from symptoms and screening to treatment types and sources of health. All information is written and reviewed by specialists. We've also worked closely with people affected by cancer to develop our booklets, online courses and face-to-face training. To find out more, head to **macmillan.org.uk** or call **0808 808 00 00**.

You can also access our online community. It's a place where thousands of people affected by cancer go to share their stories and get vital support. Five minutes after logging on, you can be chatting to someone who's going through the same things as you. Visit us at **community.macmillan.org.uk**



We're here for everyone affected by cancer, whatever you need. For support every step of the way, call the Macmillan Support Line free on **0808 808 00 00**.

And, when the time is right, you can join our team. Whether you hold a coffee morning, make a donation or help us campaign for change, you can make a vital difference. Call us today on **0300 1000 200**, and help make sure millions of people don't face cancer alone.

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