

# Lions District 105A Childhood Cancer Awareness

## Facts and Figures (0-14 year olds)

- 1 in 500 children will develop cancer by the age of 14.
- Childhood cancers account for 0.5% of all cancers in the UK.
- Boys are more likely to develop cancer than girls with a ratio of 6:5. Though this is dependent on tumour type boys are twice as likely to develop lymphomas than girls.
- In the UK latest figures suggest:-
  - There are 1821 new cases annually between 2013 and 2015.
  - 231 Children have died from cancer between 2014 and 2016.
  - 82% of all children have survived cancer between 2006 and 2010. Please note the survival rate is dependent on the type of cancer.

*Figures taken from Cancer Research UK and Children with Cancer UK reports.*

- Early diagnosis and treatment has improved over the last 50 years and the death rate has reduced and survival rate improved.

## Types of Childhood Cancers

Most common types of Childhood Cancers are:-

Leukaemia (blood)

Brain Tumours

Lymphomas (immune system)

Less common Childhood Cancers: -

Neuroblastoma (nervous system)

Wilms Tumour (kidneys)

Non- Hodgkin Lymphoma (blood)

Retinoblastoma (eye)

Osteosarcoma (bone)

Hepatoblastoma/Hepatocellular Carcinoma (liver)

Rhabdomyosarcoma (many sites)

Please note cancer develops at different ages, dependent on the type.

Between 5% and 15% of all childhood cancers are genetic. The rest develop due to environmental factors and lifestyle choices.

## Organisations, Medical Centres and Hospices for Children with Cancer

HAVEN HOUSE CHILDRENS HOSPICE (*DG Partner's Charity*)

Address The White House, High Street, Woodford Green, 1G8 9LB

Tel no 020 8505 9944

Website [www.havenhouse.org.uk](http://www.havenhouse.org.uk)

Information- Since 2003 Haven House has supported over 600 families of children and young people with cancer, life limiting and terminal diseases.

KEECH CHILDRENS HOSPICE

Address Great Bramingham Lane, Luton, LU3 3NT

Tel no 01582 492339

Website [www.keech.org.uk](http://www.keech.org.uk)

Information- children use Keech Childrens Hospice under the care of the following Hospitals in Bedford, Kettering, Lister (Stevenage), Luton and Dunstable, Milton Keynes, Northampton, New Queen Elizabeth (Welwyn Garden City) and Stoke Manderville (Aylesbury).

### THE PEPPER FOUNDATION

Address Unit 3, Icknield Way, Industrial Park, Icknield Way, Tring, HP23 4JX

Tel no 01442 507324 or 01442 507311      Nursing enquiries 01442 890222

Website [www.pepper.org.uk](http://www.pepper.org.uk)

Information- it is a registered Charity which raises funds to support the Children's Hospice At Home Nursing Service for Children with Cancer, managed by Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

Area covered is Stokenchurch to Hemel Hempstead and Aylesbury/Eddlesborough to Stoke Poges/Gerrards Cross.

### CHILDRENS CANCER AND LEUKEMIA GROUP

Address Clinical Science Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary , Leicester, LE2 7LX

Tel no 0116 252 5885

Website [www.cclg.org](http://www.cclg.org)

### CLIC SARGENT CANCER CHARITY

Address CLIC Sargent Headquarters, 1 Farriers Yard, 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 8JA

Tel no 0300 330 0803

Website [www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk)

Information-this is a Charity that works with children and young people with cancer.

They have a Hospice at St Pauls House, 62-66 Huntley Street, London, WC1E 6DD.

They work with the following Hospitals:-

University College Hospital, London, WC1N 3HR

Royal Marsden Hospital, London, SM2 5PT

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, OX3 9DU

Above are details of only a few Organisations, Medical Centres and Hospices in our District. If you know of others in your community please work with them.

### How Lions Clubs can support Children with Cancer

Donate Funds to Haven house and Children Hospices near you.

Financially support local families throughout a child's treatment.

Volunteer to help at a Hospice, Hospital Cancer Unit, locally known families to support the child and their family

Support Lions' activities during February 2019. Information to follow.

### Useful Websites used in this document

[www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk)

[www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk)

[www.cclg.org.uk](http://www.cclg.org.uk)

[www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk)

[www.cancerresearch.org.uk](http://www.cancerresearch.org.uk)

Please email me on [health@lions105a.org](mailto:health@lions105a.org) with information about any Projects your Club carries out with any Childhood Cancer Organisation or individuals so I can include it in my Cabinet Report.

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