



**Blood
cancer
UK**

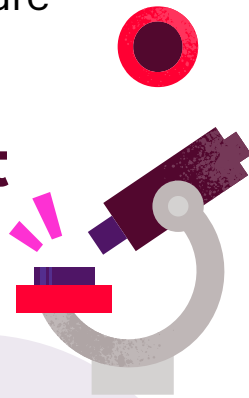
Welcome to Holyrood

We know what it takes to beat blood cancer in Scotland, and we need your help.

What you need
to know about
blood cancer

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complex. There are

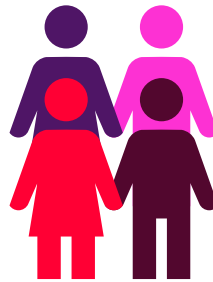
100+
different
types



The main three
types are **leukaemia**,
lymphoma and
myeloma but there are
also **myeloproliferative
neoplasms (MPNs)**
and **myelodysplastic
syndrome (MDS)**

More than
2,400
people

are diagnosed every
year in Scotland¹



Every year, blood
cancer takes
more than

1,100
lives in
Scotland

More than
25,000
people

are living with or in
remission from blood
cancer in Scotland²

Blood cancer
is the **fifth most
common cancer**
and the **third
biggest cancer
killer** in Scotland



About Blood Cancer UK

We're a charity dedicated to beating blood cancer by funding research and supporting those affected. Together, we've invested over £500 million in blood cancer research, transforming treatments and saving lives, including £42 million in Scotland.

We research, we support, we care. Because we know what it takes.

¹Incidence and mortality figures refer to malignant neoplasms only (e.g. lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma).

²Prevalence figure is based on 20-year blood cancer prevalence for malignant neoplasms (C81-C96) as well as in-situ, benign, uncertain and unspecified neoplasms (D45-D47).

Our number 1 ask of you: say blood cancer

84%

of people with
blood cancer feel
that blood cancer
**doesn't get the same
political focus as
other cancers.**

This impacts policy. Too often, blood cancer is an afterthought in policies made with solid tumour cancers in mind. Similarly, 76% of people aren't told their condition is a type of blood cancer at diagnosis. This can prevent them from accessing the support they need.

You can raise the profile of blood cancer as an MSP, in Parliament and with your constituents, by making sure to always say **'a type of blood cancer'** when talking about **leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, MDS or MPNs**. Go one step further to put blood cancer on the political agenda, by bringing forward relevant motions, debates or amendments in Holyrood, or tabling questions about blood cancer. **We can help.**

Champion blood cancer in Holyrood

During the election, we were pleased to see cross-party support for the delivery of more cancer clinical trials in Scotland. Surgery and radiotherapy are less likely to be an option for people with blood cancer, so it's vital they have access to clinical trials. However, we know that the number of blood cancer clinical trials has fallen in recent years, and just **35% of UK blood cancer clinical trials were active in Scotland³**. Between 2020 and 2025, only 4 blood cancer clinical trials were led by Scottish institutions.

We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss how you can support your constituents by improving access to blood cancer treatments and trials in Scotland.

Get in touch

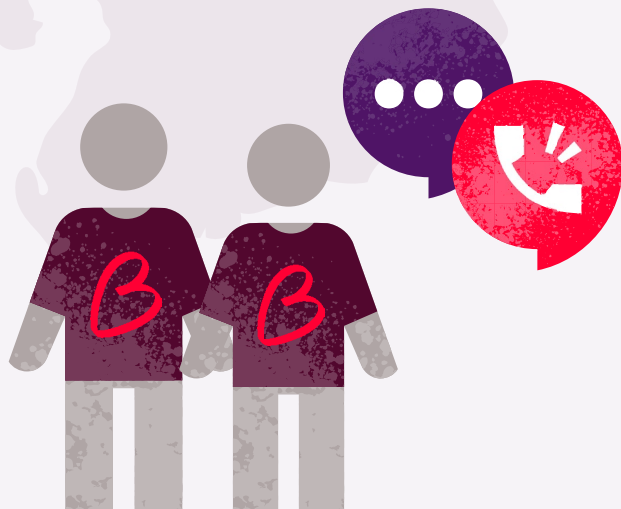
You can contact Blood Cancer UK's Policy & Influencing team to arrange a meeting, request written questions or supporting evidence by emailing policy@bloodcancer.org.uk.



Supporting your constituents affected by blood cancer

Make sure your constituents with blood cancer know what support and services they are entitled to. Our nurse-led support services is available on **0808 2080 888** or support@bloodcancer.org.uk.

Our free telephone interpreting service covers over 170 languages. We also have an [online community forum](#) and a dedicated [Clinical Trials Support Service](#).



³Health Research Authority (2026). Clinical trials approved in the UK between 2020 and 2025 Freedom of Information request. Available on request. [Revisit our Holyrood 2026 manifesto](#) to see our key policy asks. Blood Cancer UK is a member of the Scottish Cancer Coalition.