



**Blood
cancer
UK**

Welcome to the Senedd

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

What you need
to know about
blood cancer

Blood cancer is 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)**

Around
15,000
people

are living with or in remission from blood cancer in Wales¹

1,450+
people

are diagnosed every year in Wales²

Just
22%
of blood cancer clinical trials in the UK were active in Wales over the last five years³



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

Every year, blood cancer takes
690+
lives in Wales

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 £13 million in Wales.

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

¹Prevalence 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).

²Incidence and mortality figures refer to malignant neoplasms only (e.g. lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma).

³Health Research Authority (2026). Clinical trials approved in the UK between 2020 and 2025 Freedom of Information request. Available on request.

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.

You can raise the profile of blood cancer as an MS, in the Senedd 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 and amendments in the Senedd, or tabling questions about blood cancer. **We can help.**

Champion blood cancer in the seventh Senedd

During the election, we were pleased to see growing cross-party support for a **long-term cancer strategy for Wales**. We want to see manifesto commitments delivered and make sure that blood cancer is meaningfully included. Surgery and radiotherapy are less likely to be an option for people with blood cancer, so it's vital that we drive access to innovative treatments and clinical trials in Wales. Haematologists and haemato-oncologists, who deliver blood cancer care, are too often excluded from policies for the cancer workforce. With Consultant Haematologists having a 60% retirement rate in Wales,⁴ the blood cancer workforce must not be overlooked in a new strategy.

We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss how you can support the development of a cancer strategy that includes blood cancer.

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 including Welsh. We also have an [online community forum](#) and a dedicated [Clinical Trials Support Service](#).

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.



⁴British Society of Haematology. The Haematology Workforce, a Comprehensive Review. (2025).
[Revisit our Senedd 2026 manifesto](#) to see our key policy asks. Blood Cancer UK is a member of the Wales Cancer Alliance.