

KIDNEY CANCER SCOTLAND

Kidney Cancer Scotland is a Scottish registered charity and a subsidiary of the James Whale fund For Kidney cancer which was started in 2006 after James Whale survived Kidney Cancer.

Kidney Cancer is now the 7th most common type of cancer with more than 26 people a day being diagnosed with the cancer.

Among the general population there is very little awareness of the condition and the condition rarely attracts much public attention.

Kidney Cancer Scotland seeks to help reduce the harm caused by kidney cancer by increasing knowledge and awareness of the symptoms of kidney cancer and helps promote early diagnosis among the general public.

We work closely with healthcare professionals ensuring that all patients receive our literature and support information on diagnosis which offers patients choices.

We provide a support network including a patient forum and care line, patient literature which provides advice, information and encouragement to those who have been diagnosed with kidney cancer and their carers. In August 2015 we launched a buddy system for kidney cancer patients. We also offer patients the option if required to apply for a support grant up to the value of £1000.

We support research and have recently awarded a grant to Edinburgh University into the research of biomarkers in kidney cancer, along with causes, prevention and treatment of the disease.

We work closely with health professionals and deliver patient information days, where patients are informed of new treatments available, advised by clinicians on managing side effects of drugs, provided with dietary advice and have the opportunity to meet others with similar concerns.

The charity has been working with the Scottish government and the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) to raise awareness of the issues facing kidney cancer patients in Scotland and has been active in the recent review of Access to New Medicines, and is actively involved in helping getting new treatments approved like Axitinib and Everolimus.

Kidney Cancer Scotland has hosted numerous fundraisers and events to help fund and ensure that these patients receive adequate care, comfort and support, we are delighted to be once again partnering on the Glasgow to Edinburgh Canoe Challenge and are sure that this will help increase awareness of the condition and symptoms to a new area of the population along with helping us raise much needed funds to allow us to continue this good work.