

Services & Supports

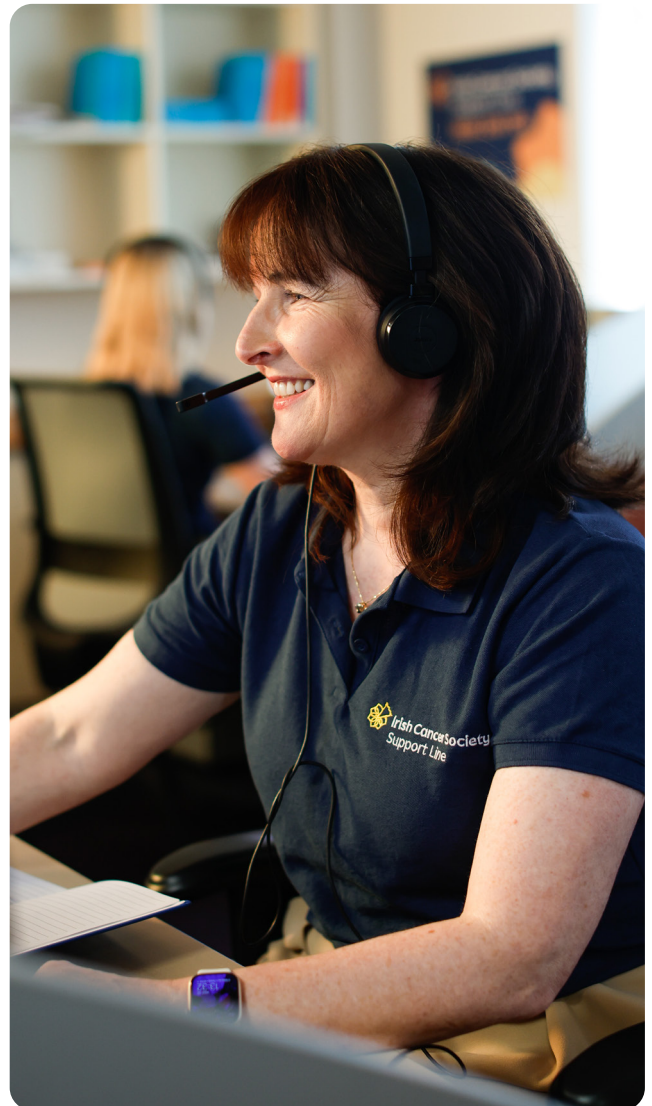
A Guide to Irish Cancer Society Services
for Cancer Patients and their Loved Ones

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Information about Irish Cancer Society Services and Supports

The Irish Cancer Society is a community of patients, survivors, volunteers, supporters, health and social care professionals and researchers. We are working towards a future where nobody in Ireland will die from cancer.

We listen to patients and their loved ones, and we support them by providing free information and care. We fund cancer research to find better treatments that will save more lives. We work to keep cancer on the Government's agenda, to make sure the Irish healthcare system functions as well as possible to help cancer patients and their loved ones through their diagnosis.



Transport Service

We provide free transport and financial grants for people undergoing cancer treatment. If a patient is having difficulty getting to appointments in one of our partner hospitals we may be able to help.

We also administer a grant on behalf of the NCCP called Travel2Care which assists people who are travelling over 50km to appointments.

To avail of the adult Transport Service, patients will need to be referred by their healthcare professional (either a social worker or an oncology nurse).

They will also need to attend one of our partner hospitals:

- Cavan General Hospital, Cavan, Co Cavan
- Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Co. Cork
- The Mercy Hospital, Grenville Place, Cork
- The Bon Secours Hospital, Cork
- South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital
- Beaumont Hospital, Beaumont Road, Dublin 9
- St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4
- St. James' Hospital, James' Street, Dublin 8
- Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles St., Dublin 7

- Tallaght University Hospital, Tallaght, Dublin 24
- Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- Community Intervention Team, Anam Cara, St Canice's Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11
(Outreach centre for The Mater and Beaumont Hospital)
- The Hermitage
- St Vincent's Private Hospital
- The Mater Private Hospital
- Letterkenny General Hospital, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
- Donegal Cancer Flights & Services, Ionad Naomh Pádraig, Upper Dore, Bunbeg, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
- Merlin Park University Hospital, Merlin Park, Co. Galway
- Galway University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Co. Galway
(As well as our chemotherapy transport service, we offer a boundaried radiotherapy transport service from Donegal to Galway for patients who are staying for the full week in Inis Aoibhinn on the grounds of GUH)
- Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

Travel2Care

Travel2Care is a limited transportation assistance fund for patients who are having difficulty getting to and from their appointments for diagnostic tests or cancer treatment. Patients can apply for this fund if they travel over 50 kilometres one way to a national designated cancer centre or satellite centre.

The purpose of this nationwide transportation assistance fund is to support people who have a genuine financial difficulty in meeting some of the costs of travelling to current appointments. Travel2Care is made available by the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP).

To be eligible for Travel2Care, you must:

- Live permanently in Ireland.
- Have a genuine financial need.
- Have to travel over 50km to a designated cancer centre, approved centres or approved children's hospital.
- Are travelling for assessment, diagnosis, surgery or active treatment at a designated cancer centre, approved satellite centre or approved children's hospital.
- Do not qualify for other schemes, such as transport funded by the HSE or voluntary transport initiatives such as the Volunteer Driver Service. Please note that we cannot provide financial assistance towards retrospective appointments.



Forms

▶ **Travel2Care Form A**

For cancer tests.

You can download the form [here](#).

▶ **Travel2Care Form B**

For ongoing treatment.

(Surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or palliative care) and is available only from a healthcare professional such as a medical social worker or your cancer nurse.

Support Line

Our Cancer Nurses offer confidential advice, support and information for anyone affected by cancer.

Freephone Support Line

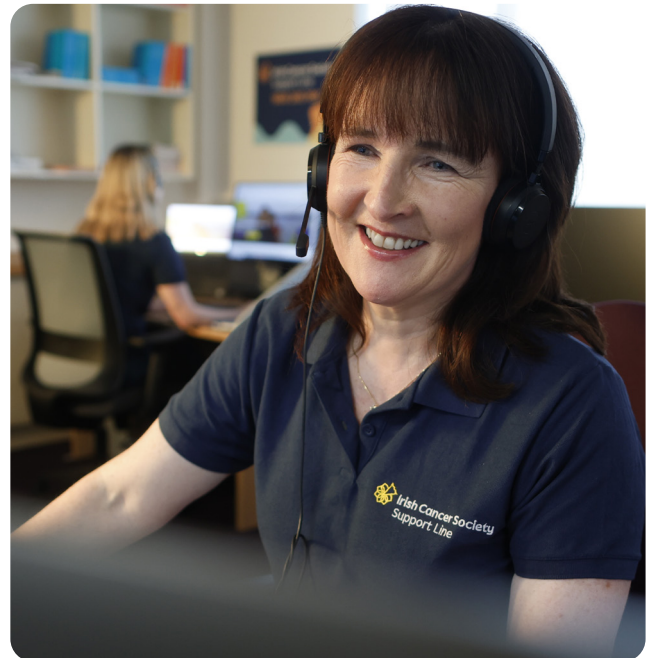
- ▶ Call **1800 200 700**
- ▶ Monday to Friday
- ▶ 9am – 5pm



You can request a video call [here](#)



Email us on supportline@irishcancer.ie



Welfare and Supports

We know that cancer can bring additional challenges and our Welfare and Supports team are here to help.

We can advise on benefits, social welfare entitlements, public services, medical card applications, community support, legal entitlements, housing and mortgages, childcare, or talking to your workplace about your diagnosis.

Support can be provided one to one where appropriate or service users can join our monthly webinar.

To access this service, please speak to a nurse in one of our many Daffodil Centres nationwide, or call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700**.

Daffodil Centres

Our 13 Daffodil Centres in hospitals across the county are staffed by Cancer Nurses and trained volunteers who provide advice, support and information for anyone affected by cancer.

► This is a walk-in service; you do not need an appointment.

To see your nearest Daffodil Centre, contact details and opening hours click below.



[Daffodil Centres](#)



Telephone Interpreting Service

We make every effort to ensure that you can speak to our nurses in your own language through our Telephone Interpreting Service.

Call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700** or visit a Daffodil Centre.



Patient Education Workshops

At our free patient education workshops, our Cancer Nurses provide information to guide patients through and beyond cancer treatment.

We currently offer two workshops:

1. *Chemotherapy Education*
2. *Life After Cancer: Enhancing Survivorship*

The latter aims to improve the quality of patients' lives after active treatment has ended.

Please speak to a nurse in one of our Daffodil Centres or call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700** to be referred to our workshops.

Peer Support

Peer Support is a free and confidential telephone service connecting people with similar cancer experiences.

Peer Support volunteers are fully trained to provide emotional and practical cancer

support in a safe, responsible and kind way.

To access this service, please speak to a nurse in one of our Daffodil Centres or call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700**.

Counselling

The Irish Cancer Society funds professional one-to-one counselling for anyone affected by cancer – the person diagnosed with cancer, family members and close friends.

Counselling sessions are available remotely over the telephone or online, or face to face

in cancer support centres around the country.

To access this service, please speak to a nurse in one of our Daffodil Centres or call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700**.

Diet and Exercise

Diet and exercise play an important role for people going through cancer treatment and beyond. Our Oncology Dietitian provides online information sessions on the role that nutrition has for people with cancer.

Using evidence-based specialist advice we can support you to eat well during cancer treatments and beyond.

We also offer free exercise classes, through ExWell Medical, to help patients to improve fatigue, quality of life, reduce anxiety and build strength and fitness in a fun and supportive environment.

To access this service, please speak to a nurse in one of our Daffodil Centres or call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700**.



Cancer Awareness and Early Detection

We work to ensure more people learn how to reduce the risk of cancer and detect cancer early. We advocate for improved health policies.

We provide information sessions, community outreach and deliver national awareness campaigns that focus on the early detection and prevention of cancer, such as our *'Your Health Matters'* roadshows.



Support for Children, Adolescents and Young Adults

We provide specialised services and support for children, adolescents and young adults (CAYA) with cancer and their families.

A dedicated CAYA nurse providing in-hospital support and specialised information, parent peer support, weekend camps at Barretstown and complementary therapy at CHI Crumlin are among a range of supports we offer.

We offer life coaching to young adults (18-25 years) and free Creative Arts Therapy support for children, adolescents and young Adults (0-24 years) during and after cancer treatment and their siblings.



We also provide funding for play therapy support to children around Ireland who have a cancer diagnosis and their siblings.

Our Children's Fund is available to help ease the financial strain for families of children having cancer treatment and our transport service is available in certain locations.

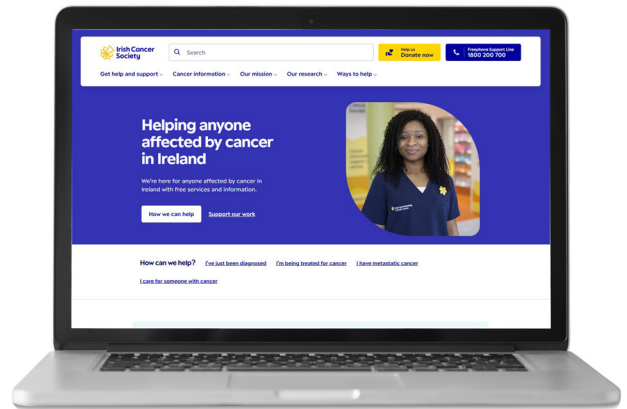


Online Information

The Irish Cancer Society offers reliable, expert information and advice for anyone who is concerned about cancer on our website www.cancer.ie.



[Visit our website](http://www.cancer.ie)



Publications

We provide information on a range of topics, including early detection of cancer, cancer types, treatments, side effects and coping with cancer.

Visit our website www.cancer.ie to see our full range of information and download copies.

You can also call our Freephone Support Line on **1800 200 700** or contact your nearest Daffodil Centre for free copies of our publications.

Cancer Research and Clinical Trials

The Irish Cancer Society is the largest voluntary funder of research in Ireland.

We also provide funding to Cancer Trials Ireland, giving eligible patients the chance to take part in research studies.

These studies help to find new ways to treat cancer, improve quality of life and improve side-effects.



Night Nursing

We provide end-of-life care for cancer patients in their own homes.

We offer up to 10 nights of care free of charge for each patient. Our service allows patients to remain at home for the last days of their lives, surrounded by their families and loved ones.

This is a unique service in Ireland, providing night-time palliative nursing care to cancer patients, mostly between 11pm and 7am.

To access this service please contact the healthcare professional looking after your loved one.

For more information about our Night Nursing service, [click below](#).



[Night Nursing Service](#)

