

Macmillan and Cancerbackup to merge

Macmillan and Cancerbackup announced in January that they have agreed to merge.

According to Macmillan it is a great opportunity to build on the strength of both organisations, enabling them to develop a joint vision to reach more people affected by cancer with the information and support they need, when and where they need it.

Macmillan Cancer Support will continue to deliver its full range of medical, practical, emotional and financial support, and Cancerbackup's existing services will be expanded and enhanced.

Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancerbackup are delighted to announce that they have agreed to merge. The merger will further the aims of both charities to ensure that, across the UK, everyone affected by cancer will get faster and enhanced access to high-quality information at every stage of their cancer journey.

Both Macmillan and Cancerbackup are dedicated to supporting people affected by cancer. Macmillan develops and provides a wide range of medical, practical, emotional and financial services, including the distribution of information. Cancerbackup is the specialist cancer information charity, recognised as the UK's leading source of high-quality information on every cancer.

The merger, which will be effected by a transfer of Cancerbackup to Macmillan Cancer Support, was expected to take place within approximately six weeks of the January announcement. On completion, two of Cancerbackup's existing trustees, including Dr Maurice Slevin, currently Chairman of Cancerbackup, will join the expanded Board of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The merger will enable Cancerbackup's existing services to be expanded and enhanced as they join with Macmillan's full range of services, to the benefit of people affected by cancer, their families and carers. Information services will be delivered under the sub-brand Macmillan Cancerbackup and will include:

- improved telephone helpline support through an enhanced direct cancer information service with access to cancer information nurses, nutritionists, financial and other experts
- enhanced information on the Macmillan Cancerbackup website and in booklet and new formats, based on need
- accessible, approachable information and support centres through the UK, not only providing high quality support but also acting as central points for outreach services



Indoor Bowls Realises £3,000 for 'Brainwaves N.I.'

On Tuesday 11th March 2008 I was invited along to St Paul's Church, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn to receive a cheque on behalf of 'Brainwaves N.I.'.

Our charity was nominated by Mary Holmes and was accepted by their fundraisers as their chosen charity for this year. The cheque was for £3,000.

They achieved this through holding indoor bowls events and collections. These events were sponsored by J.C. Pattersons.

It was during one of these matches that I was presented with the cheque by Mr Brain Allen on behalf of the above fundraisers and J.C. Pattersons.

Many thanks to all who took part as either player or spectator.

Article by Rose Holt



Rose Holt presents a cheque for £3,000 to 'Brainwaves N.I.' treasurer Nathena