

June 2025 Newsletter

CHFT Macmillan Information and Support Service



It is with great sadness that we announce that Richard Siebierski, friend to the service, Patient Representative, Thinking Ahead Ambassador and creator of 'The Side Effects' for whom he played bass, sadly passed away on 15th May 2025.

Richard who always shared a positive thought, kind gestures and a smile was fondly known as 'Mr Positivity' at our Men's Group. Our condolences have been passed on to his wife Hanna, son Alex and daughter Joanna.



We would like to hold a musical event in Richard's memory. If you would like to be involved with the planning, playing or supporting of this, please let us know by contacting 01484 343614 or emailing cancer.information@nhs.net



We would like to send a couple of thank you messages out. Firstly, as part of 'Volunteers Week' (2nd -8th June) we would like to recognise all the work our volunteers do. Without them we wouldn't be able to reach so many patients who access the service for support when they need it the most. From walking group, delivery of our courses and workshops, music group and in providing strategic insight, we are truly thankful for all you do all year round.

Secondly, to Clinton and Kim Morris and the Huddersfield Railway Modellers who hosted a fundraiser to raise funds for our support groups. £635 was raised in total which is a fantastic achievement.

The funds were raised through cake sales, raffle tickets and very generous donations. A great time was had by all.



Healthwatch want to hear from you!

Have you used digital (online) tools to access or provide GP services - like booking appointments, ordering prescriptions, or giving/receiving medical advice online?

We are asking patients and staff to share their experiences, preferences, and any barriers they have faced with digital access to GP services. Your feedback will help us understand what's working well and what needs improvement

Please feel free to use their online survey or give them a call to share your views. Your voice can help shape fair, effective, and inclusive GP services for the future.

Public survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/digitalaccessP-em>

Staff survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/digitalaccessS-em>

Healthwatch Kirklees: 01924 450 379

Healthwatch Calderdale: 01422 412 141

healthwatch

Family and Friends Walk – 10am, 14th June 2025

Fancy trying something new, or just getting out in the anticipated sunshine on the 14th June, If so, there is a Family and Friends walk taking place in Huddersfield. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone who wants to take part should meet at the Harold Wilson Statue outside Huddersfield Railway Station at 10am on the 14th June 2025.

Bowl Cancer support Group

Are you, your partner or a family member affected by Bladder Cancer? Would you (or they) be interested in joining a group of like-minded people who meet to discuss the issues surrounding Bladder Cancer?

This group has been set up in conjunction with Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust and the Action Bladder Cancer UK Charity. It is offered to everybody living in the Huddersfield/Halifax areas.



Carers Week (9th -15th June 2025)

We recognise the vital importance of carers and the support they provide, both practical and the emotional. Without carers, many people would not only struggle to stay independent but would become isolated, lonely and depressed. However, caring can be really tough and demanding



A carer is anyone who provides help and support for a family member, friend or neighbour, who because of an illness, disability, mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support.

The person you care for could be:

- your husband, wife or partner
- a family member such as parent, brother, sister, son or daughter
- a friend or neighbour

Across Calderdale and Kirkless there are a number of agencies who provide carers support. :

<https://www.overgatehospice.org.uk/our-care/patient-family-support/carers-group/>

<https://carerscount.org.uk/>

<https://cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk/services/carers-count-calderdale>



Walking Group: Our next walks will take place on: 5th June and 3rd July at Greenhead Park, Huddersfield. Walkers meet at the conservatory at 10:15am for a 10:30am start. Following a gentle walk, we head for a coffee and catch up. Everyone affected by cancer is welcome to join us, our volunteers will make you feel extremely welcomed. The guided walk is free, however those attending will be required to pay for their own drinks if they wish to have one.

Men's Cancer Support Group: is hosted at the Legends café at John Smith Stadium, Huddersfield. Drinks are provided from 2pm for a prompt 2.15pm start. All men affected by cancer either as patients, family members or carers are welcome. Our next meetings are on: 26th June and 24th July. Please note this is a free event. With free parking on site.

Women's Support Group: is hosted at the Legends café at John Smith Stadium, Huddersfield. Drinks are provided from 2pm. The group is open to women affected by cancer either as patients, family members or carers are welcome. Our next meetings are on: 25th June and 23rd July. Please note this is a free event. With free parking on site.

Coffee 'N' Chat Group – Is held at The Watermill Pub, Salterhebble, Halifax on the third Wednesday of the month, 10am – 12pm. The next date is on: 18th June and 16th July. Please note there is plenty of free parking on site, and the venue is on the main 501 bus route for both Halifax and Huddersfield. This is a free event, with drinks provided by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Charity.



If you would like to speak to a member of the **Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service, please get in touch.**

You can telephone us on:

01422 222709 or 01484 34361 e-mail cancer.information@nhs.net

You may wish to call into one of our centres. Our offices at both Calderdale Royal Hospital and Huddersfield Royal Infirmary are open Monday-Friday between the hours of 9am-4pm.