

South Wales East Regional Committee

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Title:CLIC Sargent: Childhood Cancer, an overview

Cancer in childhood is rare.

- Across the whole of the UK approximately 1700 children aged 0-15 years and approximately 600-800 young people aged 16 to 21 years will develop cancer each year.

Cancer in childhood is different

- Children and young people develop different types of cancer to adults.
- Survival rates for children with cancer are approximately 75% (taking all types of cancer).
- Children's cancer treatment is well co-ordinated with high levels of recruitment into clinical trials.
- Long term side effects are an issue for childhood cancer survivors.
- Cancer in childhood remains the single biggest cause of death in children, after accidents, in children over the age of 1 year.

CLIC Sargent

- CLIC Sargent is the UK's largest children's cancer charity.
- We provide and fund a range of services across the UK.
- We work in collaboration with other organisations including the NHS, Local Authorities and local charities.

Services in South Wales

- We fund a Paediatric Neuro-Oncology Nurse Specialist in Cardiff
- We employ an Oncology Youth Worker in Cardiff
- We provide a Family Support Service
- Families receive financial support
- Families and young people access our holidays
- Families of children undergoing Bone Marrow Transplantation in Bristol stay in our specialist Home from Home
- Families use our Child Cancer Helpline