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Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

What is Mesothelioma?

Mesothelioma can affect anyone – it is a cancer caused mostly by exposure to asbestos.

The exposure may have been very minimal, often occurring many years before. Mesothelioma most commonly affects the lining of the chest cavity, but can also affect the lining of the abdomen.

Treatment may involve surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy, but it does not offer a cure.

With over 2,500 cases a year, the UK has the highest incidence of the disease in the world.

“Mesothelioma UK helpline saved my sanity whilst I was losing my father earlier this year. You gave me real facts, real help and the answers no one else could.”

What is Mesothelioma UK?

Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust was established in 2009.

The charity provides a “one stop shop” for those affected by Mesothelioma, ensuring free access to specialist information, support, education and improved care and treatment.

“Nice to know support is there.”

“At a very difficult time your knowledge and help is much appreciated...We have nowhere else to turn.”

Who is Mesothelioma UK?

We are a team of nursing and operational staff who totally focus on addressing issues related to mesothelioma.

The charity has a Board of Trustees and we also have an Advisory Board that includes patients, carers, doctors, nurses, asbestos support workers and other charities.

“Thank you so much for contacting my Uncle. He was very happy to hear from you and I know he feels more at ease knowing there are caring people like you to help him.”

Where is Mesothelioma UK?

The operational team are based in Leicester and we fund specialist nurses who are based in other parts of the UK. Members of our board of trustees and advisory group come from all over the UK.

“I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of you at the charity; the charity has been so lovely to my family.”

How is Mesothelioma UK funded?

Mesothelioma UK is totally funded by charitable donations from a variety of sources including:

- Private donations
- Fundraising activities by our supporters:
 - Sponsored walks/runs
 - Coffee mornings/balls
 - Golf Days
 - Adventure Events
 - Raffles/tombolas
- Legacies
- Corporate Partners
- Grants
- Trust Fund donations
- Campaigns

“I have received your newsletter and I am thoroughly enjoying the various articles. I can see from the topics a tremendous amount of research, contacts and networking is in place.”

Plans for the future

Funding permitting Mesothelioma UK will continue to develop the team and services to ensure we provide continuous improvements in access to specialist information, support, education, care and treatment.

We will always engage with the mesothelioma community to ensure our services reflect genuine need.

“Your efforts at finding us support are truly appreciated.”

How does Mesothelioma UK work?

Mesothelioma UK has established many different approaches to achieving equitable access to specialist information, support, education and improved care and treatment including:

- Providing funding for Mesothelioma Specialist Nursing posts and National Benefits Advice. These would not exist without your ongoing support.
- Producing specialist information leaflets
- Have a freephone helpline open Monday – Friday 08.30 - 16.30
- Signposting where possible to local nurse specialists.
- Maintaining an up to date website
- In conjunction with the Royal Marsden School of Cancer Nursing and Rehabilitation we have established an accredited mesothelioma course for health care professionals.
- Circulating quarterly newsletter
- Running a Specialist Interest Community of Practice

- Circulating regular email updates to contacts with persons registered with us
- Promoting the setting up and ongoing support for local Mesothelioma Support Groups
- Co-ordinating communication surrounding Action Mesothelioma Day
- Presenting at and organise numerous mesothelioma educational events
- Completing a national mesothelioma experience survey.
- Where possible influencing NHS and health care policy and guideline development relevant to mesothelioma
- Promoting research activity and entry into clinical trials as and when possible
- Funding to facilitate National Mesothelioma Audit
- Holding an annual conference for patients and carers
- Publishing reports, chapters and articles whenever the opportunity arises relevant to mesothelioma
- Working closely with other charities and organisations interested in mesothelioma such as:
 - The National Lung Cancer Forum for Nurses
 - British Lung Foundation
 - Asbestos Support Groups Forum
 - The British Thoracic Oncology Group
 - The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
 - Mick Knighton Mesothelioma Research Fund
 - June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund
 - Veterans agency
 - Citizens Advice Bureau

How can you help?

- Signpost anyone affected by mesothelioma or working with those affected to Mesothelioma UK
- Health care workers please take every opportunity to improve your understanding and ability to manage mesothelioma
- Patient and carers tell your story to anyone who will listen to raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos
- Distribute our information leaflets appropriately
- Read and distribute our newsletter
- Attend Mesothelioma UK events
- Join our social networking groups
- Raise awareness and the profile of Mesothelioma at every opportunity
- Promote mesothelioma UK to potential sponsors or fundraisers
- Hold a fundraising event to raise funds or donate to us
- Remember Mesothelioma UK in your will
- Let us know your thoughts and opinions about how Mesothelioma UK can improve our resources and services
- Get involved in campaigning and awareness initiatives regarding asbestos or mesothelioma

**MESOTHELIOMA UK
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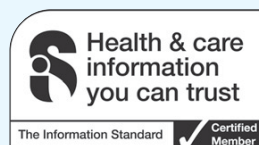
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