

Facts and figures

Marie Curie Cancer Care

- Marie Curie is the leading charity providing care to people with any terminal illness in their own homes or in one of the charity's nine hospices.
- In 2013/14 Marie Curie supported **40,844** terminally ill patients.
- All our services are always free to patients and their families.

Marie Curie Nursing service

- Marie Curie has almost **2,000 nurses**, who work in the community to provide free end of life care to **94%** of the UK population.¹
- In 2013/14 Marie Curie Nurses cared for **31,558** people at home approaching the end of their life.
- **Around 24%** of Marie Curie Nursing Service patients we cared for in 2013/14 had a **non-cancer** diagnosis.
- People cared for by Marie Curie Nurses are **3 times less likely** to be admitted to **hospital** in an emergency at the end of their lives.²
- Seven out of 10 people cared for by Marie Curie Nurses die in their own homes.³
- When someone is cared for at home by Marie Curie, overall costs are around **£500** lower even when costs in social care, primary care and community care are considered.⁴

Marie Curie Hospices

- Marie Curie has **nine hospices** across the UK who provide free specialist care for those with terminal illnesses.
- It costs more than **£48.2m** a year to run all of our hospices.
- In 2013/14 Marie Curie Hospices cared for almost **8,831** people.

¹ Marie Curie Cancer Care – populations of health organisations which have a contract with the Marie Curie Nursing service

² The impact of the Marie Curie Nursing Service on place of death and hospital use at the end of life – Chitnis et al, November 2012, Nuffield Trust

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⁴ Exploring the cost of care at end of life, a report by the Nuffield Trust, 2014

The right to die in a place of choice

- Research shows that **63%** of people want to die in the comfort of their own **home**.⁵
- **55%** of people die in hospital, the place many people least want to be.⁶

Our research

- Marie Curie invests around **£3 million** a year in palliative and end of life care **research**.
- In 2013 a total of 36 peer-reviewed research papers were published as result of Marie Curie research funding.
- We invest in programmes of research at our three long-term research facilities:
 - Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Unit, University College London
 - Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Centre, Cardiff
 - Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute, Liverpool

Our volunteers

- More than **9,400** people volunteer regularly for Marie Curie.
- More than **3,200** volunteers help in our **shops**, they serve customers, organise displays, price and sort goods.
- Almost **1,200 hospice** volunteers help at our nine hospices undertaking a broad range of activities including running reception, providing bereavement support and complementary therapies, gardening and driving patients to day care.

Our fundraising and income

- For every £1 we raise, we spend **70p** directly on helping people with terminal illnesses. Ways in which we do this include providing nursing and hospice care, research into better ways of caring for people and work to improve care and support across the UK.
- We pay 50% of the cost of running our nursing service and 54% of the cost of our hospices. The rest of the funding comes from the NHS.
- We need to raise **£5,500 every hour** to cover the cost of Marie Curie's entire nursing service across the UK.

⁵ *Local Preferences and Place of Death in Regions within in England 2010 National End of Life Care Intelligence Network*

⁶ *Office National Statistics (ONS), General Register Office (GRO) and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) place of death statistics for 2008-2010*