Supporters like you have been helping us shape our vision for the future of care in the UK.

Family members, friends, nurses and carers shared their stories about caring for a loved one with a terminal illness. They built on a year of in-depth research into our existing services, new ideas and the standard of care nationwide.

As a result, we will launch a number of new services and initiatives over the next four years. You can see our full Strategic Plan on our website, but here is a summary of our promises to you.

With your support we will reach more families living with a terminal illness and improve care across the UK. Please turn to your donation form to be part of the future of care.

1. CARING FOR MORE PEOPLE

More people would like to spend their last days at home but are currently unable to do so. In a 2012 government survey, 81% of dying people would have liked to be cared for at home, but only 23% died at home.

We will increase the number of people we care for at home and in our hospices every year from 39,000 to 50,000.

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Find out how you’re helping our nurses care for more people. Go to mariecurie.org.uk and search ‘Strategic Plan’.
2. Care for you

Everyone deserves to be cared for in the best way possible for them.

We will offer more practical and emotional support by expanding our Helper Service. These volunteers offer free help for up to three hours a week. From walking the dog to companionship, our Helpers will be there.

“I wanted to be active but I need someone to take me outside and it’s physically hard for my wife to do that. It’s very nice to have Habib as a Helper volunteer. He gives my wife a break and it means she can also go to Friday prayers. It’s extra company and he’s like a son to me.”

Nasir, who has motor neurone disease, is supported by Marie Curie Helper volunteer Habib.

3. More information

More people are living longer with more complex illnesses and 1.2 million people will live to 90 years of age by 2033, yet navigating the health and social care systems can be daunting.

Marie Curie will become a go-to place for information for people and their families living with a terminal illness. You will be able to access free information on our website, through a telephone support line, in an online forum, in printed leaflets and many other channels.

“This was all completely new territory. What would have been like gold dust would have been a single place to get help.”

Peter Buckle lost his wife to cancer and is a member of the Marie Curie Expert Voices group.

4. Support for bereavement

A government survey among bereaved people found that three-quarters did not get the support they needed.

We will expand our bereavement support services. See page 7 for how we are currently helping.

“At the end, I suddenly felt a void. If there had been a connection that carried on at the end, that would have helped me with the aftermath. That kind of special support is the one thing that lives on.”

Bill Whiland’s wife Edith was cared for by Marie Curie Nurses.