



BRAIN TUMOUR UK



We give help for today and provide hope for tomorrow.

Brain Tumour UK is pleased to have sponsored a speaker for this year's BNOS conference. We're also delighted to continue to participate as a member of your exceptional BNOS community that works so hard to overcome such devastating consequences for brain tumour patients.

For Brain Tumour UK, the year since last year's conference has been a year of progress and achievement on all fronts and this leaflet offers a summary snapshot of recent highlights.

We are also proud to report that we've joined forces with The Joseph Foote Trust, another highly regarded charity to create a larger entity with the ambition and capacity to make an even bigger impact.

We realise we can't achieve all we'd like to on our own so we welcome collaboration with others. We're always open to discussions about working together so please contact us to explore new opportunities for changing things for the better, for everyone affected by a brain tumour.

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Jenny Baker OBE
Chief Executive, Brain Tumour UK

Brain Tumour UK is the nation's brain tumour charity, delivering breakthrough support, information and research on the path to the cure. We campaign at all levels to raise awareness, and we collaborate with others to improve the lives of everyone affected by brain tumours.

Support

Brain Tumour UK is here to provide support and information for patients and carers when, where and how they want to receive it. Our services are available on the phone, online and offline, cover a growing network of support groups UK wide, text messaging for the under 25's as well as counselling and information in a wide variety of forms. We work increasingly with others to deliver our services and our partners include Maggie's Centres, Neuroscience centres, Macmillan Cancer Care, the National Epilepsy Society, Hammer Out, local Neurological Alliances and the Scottish Cancer Coalition.

"Before I contacted you, I didn't understand what was happening to me, and I didn't know what to do. You are my lifeline"

Support Group patient

During 2011 we:

- increased investment to **£300,000** to enable expanded services and options
- supported **3,436** individual patients and family members
- increased and facilitated **21** patient support groups (up 13 since 2010)
- awarded **230** patient grants totalling **£106,000**
- launched our new text support service, and answered hundreds of sms messages from young people all over the country
- further strengthened links with neuroscience centres and partners

Research

Supported by thousands of amazing fundraisers and donors, Brain Tumour UK funds groundbreaking scientific research at two centres to improve the quality of life for brain tumour patients, identify better treatments and, ultimately, find the cure.

Brain Tumour UK Neuro-Oncology Research Centre (Wolverhampton)

Here we've combined two of the UK's leading research teams in a single location at the University of Wolverhampton. This team is focusing its energy and attention on childhood brain tumours, and both high-grade and low-grade adult tumours, to make a difference for everyone affected by a brain tumour.

The Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre (Nottingham)

Established in 1997, the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre at the University of Nottingham brings together a multi-disciplinary team of leading healthcare professionals and researchers – all experts in their fields, and all committed to improving our understanding of childhood brain tumours.

Clinical Trials Support

We've made an important commitment in supporting the placement of a dedicated Clinical Trials Nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and a Clinical Trials Project Officer within the NCRI. Working alongside a similar post holder funded by our colleagues at the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust, we seek to make a difference to patients now and in the future.

Campaigning and raising awareness

We listen to patients and families and work hard to make their voices heard. We also work closely with healthcare professionals, scientists and fellow charities to raise awareness amongst key decision-makers, service providers and the wider public, to challenge and change things for the better for everyone affected by a brain tumour.

This year we:

- have committed **£1.25m** to high quality, groundbreaking research
- are funding **15** researchers at two centres
- are running public open days at our funded centres to share our learning
- have committed to greater patient participation in clinical trials by funding two specialist posts



This year we have:

- stepped up our campaigning as a consortium with other leading brain tumour charities to pressure Westminster for real change
- worked at ministerial level in Scotland to champion the brain tumour cause
- conducted research to inform the development of greater support for brain tumour patients in Wales

We are positive and excited about the future. We have ambitious plans. We thank you for all you are doing to support and progress our shared purpose of continuing the fight against brain tumours.

Providing support

Funding research

Raising awareness

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