

# Scottish Cancer Conference

## Monday 23 November 2026

Edinburgh International Conference Centre

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Together we are beating cancer

Cross-Party Group on Cancer

# Programme

**09:00** **Registration and refreshments**

**10:00** **Welcome**

Miles Briggs MSP, Co-Convener, Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Cancer

Jennifer Bisset and Iain Macleod, Lived Experience Working Group Members

**10:20** **In Conversation:** Michelle Mitchell OBE and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, Angela Constance MSP (including audience Q&A)

**11:00** **Break and networking**

**11:30** **Keynote speech:** Finding purpose through patient involvement and turning lived experience into change

Ally Boyle MBE, Patient and Chair of Public Health Scotland

**12:15** **Breakout sessions**

**Session 1: Dr David Hogg**

Cancer Survivorship: What is it and how can it help to inform care of people with cancer now, and in the future.

**Session 2: Cancer Medicines Outcomes Programme – Public Health Scotland (CMOP–PHS), Myeloma UK and The Scottish Medicines Consortium**

From data to decisions: Embedding quality of life and lived experience in cancer care and medicines decision-making

**Session 3: AstraZeneca UK**

Designing screening around communities: Lessons from lung cancer screening on improving awareness, trust and uptake

**13:15** **Lunch and networking**

**14:15** **Breakout sessions**

**Session 1: University of Glasgow School of Health and Wellbeing**

Our lives, our stories: Harnessing the power of storytelling

**Session 2: NHS Scotland Cancer Collaborative, Public Services Delivery Scotland**

Living with and beyond cancer: National Managed Clinical Networks' role in supporting, engaging and involving patients and carers affected by cancer

**Session 3: Cancer Research UK Scotland Centre**

Nothing about us without us: How can patients shape discovery cancer research within the laboratory?

**15:15** **Panel session:** Empowering patients throughout the cancer pathway

Co-chaired by Jennifer Ogilvie and Lesley Frame, Lived Experience Group Members

**16:10** **Closing remarks**

Jackie Baillie MSP, Co-Convener, Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Cancer

Jennifer Bisset and Iain Macleod, Lived Experience Working Group Members

**16:30** **Conference close**

# Introduction

## We're delighted to welcome you to the 2026 Scottish Cancer Conference.

This year's conference brings together people from across Scotland's cancer community, including people affected by cancer, families, carers, clinicians, researchers, charities, policymakers and industry partners. It is a unique opportunity to share experiences, learn from one another and strengthen the collaborations needed to improve outcomes for everyone affected by cancer.

Our theme, Nothing About Us Without Us: Putting People at the Heart of Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment, Care and Research, reflects our commitment to ensuring that people affected by cancer are at the centre of every conversation and every decision. Patients, families, carers and communities bring invaluable insight, and their experiences must help shape the future of Scotland's cancer system.

Throughout the conference, we'll explore how stronger partnerships between people affected by cancer, healthcare professionals, researchers, charities and policymakers can drive progress across the cancer pathway. We'll consider how co-designing services with those who use them can lead to improved patient outcomes and experiences. By placing lived experience alongside professional expertise, this conference aims to inspire a more compassionate, collaborative and truly person-centred approach to cancer care in Scotland, helping to shape a future where everyone's voice is heard and valued.

We're back at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre this year. Join us for a keynote speech from patient advocate Ally Boyle MBE, a conversation between Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, and Michelle Mitchell OBE, Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK, and a closing panel where people affected by cancer share what matters most to them.

Delegates can choose from six breakout sessions. We've designed each session to be interactive, so we encourage you to share your experiences and ideas. Please also take the time to visit the exhibition stands in the main conference space and connect with colleagues during the breaks. If you have any questions, our volunteers and registration team will be happy to help.

Wishing you all the very best for the Scottish Cancer Conference 2026.

**Jackie Baillie MSP and Miles Briggs MSP, Co-Conveners of the Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Cancer**



Jackie Baillie MSP



Miles Briggs MSP









# Your hosts

## Conference information

The Scottish Cancer Conference, originally the Scotland Against Cancer Conference, has been running for over 20 years. It's a unique gathering of organisations involved with cancer, including people affected by cancer, clinicians, pharmaceutical companies, academics, researchers and charities. It presents an unrivalled opportunity to share, learn, network and understand the latest developments in our combined efforts to beat cancer. The Scottish Cancer Conference is delivered by Cancer Research UK on behalf of the Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Cancer.

## The Scottish Parliament's Cross-Party Group on Cancer

Working since 2001, the Cross-Party Group on Cancer is one of the largest parliamentary Cross-Party Groups. It brings together MSPs from different parties with cancer organisations, medical practitioners, researchers and anyone with a keen interest in cancer, to discuss key issues and campaign together to improve cancer services.

**The purpose and objectives of the Cross-Party Group on Cancer are to:**

- act as a channel of communication between the Scottish Parliament and people and organisations working in cancer research, treatment, care and prevention
- identify areas where inequalities exist in the provision of cancer care and campaign for their improvement
- provide opportunities for MSPs to learn about the latest Scottish and international cancer research and to learn about cancer care needs and services, including the views of both patients and carers

The co-conveners for the Cross-Party Group on Cancer are Miles Briggs MSP and Jackie Baillie MSP.

The group meets four times a year, and membership is open to all. For further information, please visit our website using the QR code below:

Scan here to find out more



## Cancer Research UK

We're the world's leading cancer charity, dedicated to saving and improving lives with our research, influence and information. In the last 50 years, our pioneering work has helped double cancer survival in the UK. And today it's continuing to save lives, here and around the world.

Our vision is a world where everybody lives longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer. And step by step, day by day, our researchers are making this vision a reality thanks to our dedicated community of supporters, partners, donors, fundraisers, volunteers and staff.

We invested over £38m into research in Scotland in 2024/25 and announced a further £123m in funding over a seven-year period for the Cancer Research UK Scotland Institute in early 2024 – this is our largest ever investment in Scottish science.

## Scottish Cancer Conference 2027

As we look ahead to next year's conference, we are keen to work with partners who can help us build on this year's success. If you would like to support the conference and contribute to its future impact, please contact **scotcancerconf@cancer.org.uk**



# Thank you to our Scottish Cancer Conference Lived Experience Working Group

At the heart of this year's conference is the invaluable contribution of our Lived Experience Working Group, made up of Cancer Research UK Ambassadors and members of the Cancer Research UK Involvement Network. We're deeply grateful to everyone who generously shared their personal experiences, insights and expertise throughout the planning process. Their openness, honesty and commitment have helped create a conference that puts the voices of people affected by cancer at its centre.

## Angela Tyre



Angela is a wife and mum. She trained as a nurse before moving into finance in 1993. Angela worked as an accountant until a dual diagnosis of lung and thyroid cancer in 2024 led to her retirement. Drawing on her professional and lived experience, she has built a third career in patient advocacy and as a trustee of **Oncogene Cancer Research.** Angela is committed to reducing stigma, raising awareness and supporting research to improve treatment options, with the ambition of making lung cancer a manageable long-term condition.

## Freya Livingstone



Freya is a fourth-year International Relations student at the University of Edinburgh and a Campaigns Ambassador for Cancer Research UK. She joined Cancer Research UK because cancer has profoundly affected her family, including both her father's survival from childhood leukaemia and her mother's recent cancer diagnosis and treatment. These experiences have shown Freya the life-changing impact of research and investment. She is passionate about advocating for sustained political and institutional support for Cancer Research UK, helping Scotland continue to lead in cancer research and care.

## Iain Macleod



Iain spent 35 years in policing finishing as a Deputy Chief Constable. In 2018, Iain was diagnosed with stage 4 colorectal cancer with metastasis to the liver and bladder. The cancer spread was inoperable, and he initially commenced palliative chemotherapy. He was then offered targeted therapy and the combination got him to surgery, with no recurrence since.

He became interested in cancer research, which led him to join the Cancer Research UK Policy and Communications Cancer Insights Panel for three years and then became a Campaigns Ambassador in 2022.



## Jenni Christieson



Jenni found out she carried a BRCA2 gene mutation, meaning she was at a much higher risk of developing cancer. In 2021, she discovered a lump, which led to a diagnosis of bilateral breast cancer. Five years later, after treatment and a double mastectomy, Jenni is in an honoured position to be able to use her experience to support, inform and shape the way for others. Jenni works for two charities: **Candu (Dundee Cancer Support Network)** and **Home-Start Angus** and gets real satisfaction working in the third sector.

## Jennifer Bisset



After being diagnosed with breast cancer at 25, Jennifer joined Cancer Research UK's Policy and Communications Patient Insight Panel for two years, contributing her lived experience to cancer policy and communications. She's now five years cancer free and remains on maintenance treatment. Having attended last year's Scottish Cancer Conference, she's delighted to contribute to this year's conference through the Lived Experience Working Group.

## Jennifer Ogilvie



Jennifer was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer in 2022 and underwent six cycles of chemotherapy followed by complex 12-hour surgery including a hysterectomy, distal pancreatectomy, splenectomy, gallbladder removal and permanent stoma. Complications following the pancreatectomy meant she lived with an abdominal wall drain for two and half years.

Despite this, Jennifer completed a Race for Life three months after surgery. Since the drain was removed, Jennifer has embraced HIIT and strength training, including a 92kg deadlift and 80kg back squat.

## Jo Williamson



Jo's wife, Sue, was diagnosed with a rare hereditary cancer in 1993 and received pioneering treatment at the Beatson, extending her life by 10 years. After her death in 2003, genetic testing revealed that two of their children and a grandchild had inherited the faulty gene. Motivated by the lack of research into this rare condition, Jo founded The **Phaeo and Para Cancer Charity** to advance research and develop potential treatments. A Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassador since 2013, he was awarded an MBE for services to charity and cancer research advocacy.

## Lesley Frame



Lesley has been living with secondary breast cancer since 2005. Following her secondary, de novo, diagnosis, she received chemotherapy, targeted therapy and a mastectomy, and continues to receive Herceptin treatment. She is medically retired after years of being an MRI radiographer. In 2025, Lesley became a Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassador to share her experience, offer hope to others living with cancer and represent those affected by the disease. Her story highlights the vital role of research and clinical trials in developing new treatments and improving outcomes for people with cancer.

## Shaumya Kularajan



Shaumya is a medical student currently undertaking her MB-PhD in Cancer Sciences at the University of Glasgow. She has lived experience of cancer, after being diagnosed with lymphoma as a teenager in 2020. Since then, she has been part of several patient involvement projects with Cancer Research UK, including the Children and Young People's Insights Panel. In 2024, she became a Campaigns Ambassador at Cancer Research UK, and has enjoyed volunteering and speaking to MPs and MSPs to try and make cancer a priority on the political agenda.

# Get involved

## Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassadors

Volunteer Campaigns Ambassadors give their time and experience to political campaigning. The work is varied, empowering and rewarding. Our community of volunteer campaigners come from different backgrounds and range from 18 to 90 years of age. They help improve cancer outcomes for all by building relationships and influencing politicians to advocate for national and local policy change. **For more information, scan the QR code.**

## The Cancer Research UK Involvement Network

The involvement network is a group of people affected by cancer who want to make a difference to the lives of others facing cancer. As a member, you'll share your views in ways that suit you to help us to beat cancer while ensuring that we're meeting the needs of future patients and their families. **For more information, scan the QR code.**



# Session synopses





### **In Conversation:** Michelle Mitchell OBE and Cabinet Secretary Angela Constance MSP (including audience Q&A)

Three years on from the publication of the Scottish Government's 10-year Cancer Strategy, join Cancer Research UK's Chief Executive, Michelle Mitchell OBE, for a conversation with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, Angela Constance MSP, about progress so far and the challenges and opportunities ahead. Hear more about the Scottish Government's vision for improving cancer outcomes, including through prevention, early diagnosis, workforce planning and research. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the Cabinet Secretary towards the end of the session.



### **Keynote speech:** Finding purpose through patient involvement and turning lived experience into change

This year's keynote speech will be delivered by Ally Boyle MBE, Patient and Chair of Public Health Scotland.

Ally Boyle MBE has been living with blood cancer since 2008 and uses that experience to make positive change. Ally will reflect on how living with blood cancer changed the way he thinks about prevention, care, research and the voices that shape them. His keynote speech will trace a journey from practical action in fire and rescue, through medical retirement and uncertainty, to finding renewed confidence and purpose through patient involvement with Cancer Research UK. He will speak about the moment he realised lived experience was not simply something to be shared, but something that could challenge assumptions, improve decisions and open new opportunities to contribute. Drawing on his experience across patient involvement, cancer charities, NHS governance and public health, Ally will explore why genuine patient and public involvement must be built in from the start. The keynote speech will ask what it really means to listen well, share power honestly, and create the conditions for people affected by cancer to influence the decisions that shape their lives.



# Breakout sessions (12:15)

## **Session 1:** Dr David Hogg

## **Cancer Survivorship:** What is it and how can it help to inform care of people with cancer now, and in the future

This session will explore the meaning of survivorship. In 2023, Dr Hogg was diagnosed with a brain tumour. As a GP with 13 years' experience (in rural and semi-rural settings), the insights that David experienced allowed him to reflect on the practical support and challenges experienced as a patient. Noting that he received input from more than 40 different health disciplines, highlighting the breadth and quality of his care, he has reflected on the challenges of co-ordinating appointments, understanding the role of each professional involved, and managing the significant administrative burden of tracking follow-up investigations, as well as the wider impact on his family, career and friendships. David Glass will reflect on his observations of working with patients with a variety of chronic and life-limiting illnesses, including cancer, and how psychological input is often a key component of survivorship care.  Dr Rosalind Adam will discuss her academic work on survivorship and how work in Scotland can learn and contribute to the international stage.

The terminology of being a 'cancer survivor' sometimes sits uncomfortably with patients who are immersed in coping mechanisms of a new, and often, terminal diagnosis. However, there is a growing use of the term in international literature, and it is essential that patients' lived experience sits at the core of advancing the understanding of achieving quality of life and pragmatic support for patients who have been diagnosed with and provided with treatments for cancer. As a remarkable outcome of the success of skill, talent, international research and development, survivorship from cancer is growing. Patients stand to benefit when healthcare professionals have a greater understanding of the lived experience of a cancer diagnosis and treatment.





## **Session 2:** Cancer Medicines Outcomes Programme – Public Health Scotland (CMOP–PHS), Myeloma UK, and The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC)

## **From data to decisions:** Embedding quality of life and lived experience in cancer care and medicines decision-making

As cancer care and treatments vary, understanding the impact on quality of life (QoL) is essential for delivering person-centred care and making informed healthcare decisions. While routine healthcare data provides valuable insights into treatment use and clinical outcomes, it does not always capture the aspects of living with cancer that matter most to patients. Similarly, the QoL measures used in clinical trials and medicines assessments may not fully reflect the realities of navigating complex and changing treatment pathways.

This session will explore how patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) and real-world data (RWD) can work together to strengthen decision-making across the cancer pathway – from individual treatment choices to national medicines assessments. Bringing together patient representatives, researchers, charities and medicines decision-makers, the session will examine how QoL evidence is currently used in clinical practice and medicines access decisions, and what priorities may be missing. Drawing on the work of the CMOP-PHS, Myeloma UK, the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) and the patient experience, the session will explore:

- what QoL means for people navigating complex and changing cancer treatment pathways
- how the patient perspective is currently incorporated into clinical, policy and medicines access decisions
- how linking PROMs with RWD could support patient-centred care, shared decision-making and healthcare improvement
- what gaps there are between what matters most to patients and the outcomes routinely measured in healthcare and clinical trial datasets



**Session 3:** AstraZeneca UK

## **Designing screening around communities:** Lessons from lung cancer screening on improving awareness, trust and uptake

How can lung cancer screening be designed around communities to improve awareness, build trust and increase uptake? This breakout session will explore how targeted, equity-led awareness activity can support more inclusive participation and help reduce inequalities in diagnosis and outcomes. As Scotland looks to roll out lung cancer screening, it will consider how better awareness, community engagement and reduced stigma may improve patient experiences.

Delegates will hear from two patient advocates about their experiences of being diagnosed with and living with lung cancer in Scotland. OUTpatients, the LGBTQI+ charity for people affected by cancer, will then present its recent lung cancer screening campaign (funded with AstraZeneca sponsorship). The session will close with a discussion, including audience contributions, on practical steps the Scottish health system can take to reduce barriers to earlier diagnosis.

Delegates will gain a practical example of an awareness campaign designed with communities, not simply for them. These will illustrate how equity-led approaches can reduce stigma, improve understanding of cancer and encourage people to take up screening invitations. The lessons may be relevant to emerging lung cancer screening approaches, established breast, bowel and cervical screening programmes, and earlier diagnosis through symptomatic routes.





# Breakout sessions (14:15)

**Session 1:** University of Glasgow School of Health and Wellbeing

## **Our lives, our stories:** Harnessing the power of storytelling

Led by people directly affected by cancer, this breakout session will examine the power of storytelling and its capacity to support and improve the lives of people living with and beyond cancer. It will explore three examples: A Waiting Game, a powerful new play about the complexities of living with cancer; Stories of Cancer and Hope, a brilliant collection of 42 stories from people affected by cancer, and Elephant, a book in which the author curates her own emails, tweets and other found texts to tell the story of cancer diagnosis, treatment and its aftermath.

The session will demonstrate that storytelling provides a vital and often untapped wellspring of insight and information and can also build community, dispelling loneliness and isolation. Some of the standard narratives around cancer are unhelpful for those living with and beyond cancer, their families, friends and carers. It is in the act of storytelling that we can challenge, reimagine and rewrite these narratives into something much closer to reality, so that people can feel seen, heard, known, understood and supported. It is in sharing the stories of those affected by cancer, their clinicians and carers that deep connections are formed and humanity shines.

**Session 2:** NHS Scotland Cancer Collaborative, Public Services Delivery Scotland

## **Living with and beyond cancer:** National Managed Clinical Networks' role in supporting, engaging and involving patients and carers affected by cancer

National Managed Clinical Networks (NMCNs) support the delivery of equitable, high-quality care for several rare, low-volume or complex cancer types across Scotland. Adopting a Once for Scotland approach, these networks bring together clinicians, patients & carers, third-sector organisations and other stakeholders to develop best practice, build clinical consensus and improve treatment pathways for the benefit of patients and healthcare professionals.

A vital component of each network is their patient and carer voice. Through their lived experience, patients and carers provide unique insights that help identify opportunities for improvement, strengthen relationships between healthcare teams and those receiving care, and ensure that network activities remain centred on patient needs throughout their design, development and implementation. Networks support patient and carer involvement in several ways, including via dedicated patient and carer groups. These groups have contributed to a wide range of key initiatives across the networks and play an important role within established governance structures, helping to shape priorities and inform decision-making.

Drawing on perspectives from patients, carers, clinical leaders and network teams, this session will explore the role and impact of patient and carer groups within NMCNs and consider how patient voices can continue to be embedded within network structures. Representatives from the Scottish Adult Neuro-Oncology Network (SANON) will share their experiences and insights.

**Session 3:** Cancer Research UK Scotland Centre

## **Nothing about us without us:** How can patients shape discovery cancer research within the laboratory?

It's clear to see why and how patients can shape clinical research. But what does Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) look like when you're studying signalling pathways, tumour evolution or molecular mechanisms?

Discovery research underpins future advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, yet opportunities for people affected by cancer to influence this work remain limited.

Through round table discussions, this session will explore how meaningful PPI can be embedded in laboratory-based cancer research. Researchers, PPI professionals, clinicians, public members and others will be invited to discuss questions such as:

- what are the current challenges of involving patients and the public in discovery research?
- how can the public meaningfully influence discovery research?
- how can we encourage both lay members and researchers to undertake PPI in discovery research?
- how do we avoid tokenistic PPI?

By bringing together people from a range of backgrounds and professional expertise, we will encourage individuals to share their perspectives and to challenge and learn from one another.

## **Panel session:** Empowering patients throughout the cancer pathway

In this closing session, people with lived experience of cancer share what matters most to them, what they want to see change and what they want decision-makers to know. They remind us that real progress begins by putting patients first. This session will be chaired by Jennifer Ogilvie and Lesley Frame from the Lived Experience Working Group

Please scan QR code for more information on all conference speakers



# Exhibitors

Six organisations are exhibiting this year, showcasing innovative work and highlighting the vital role patients and people affected by cancer play in shaping research, services and policy.

### Ayrshire Cancer Support

Ayrshire Cancer Support is a local charity providing free emotional, practical and social support to anyone affected by cancer across Ayrshire. Supporting people at every stage of the cancer journey, the organisation works with individuals living with cancer, family members, carers, children and young people, and those bereaved by cancer. Services include specialist cancer support, counselling, complementary therapies, patient transport, support groups, wellbeing workshops, information services and dedicated support for children and young people.

### Beatson Cancer Charity

Beatson Cancer Charity believes that no one should face cancer alone. The charity supports people affected by cancer, as well as their families and carers, through a range of practical, emotional and wellbeing services. These include complementary therapies, hairdressing, wig fitting and podiatry, alongside specialist support around health and work, befriending, bereavement and group programmes for people living with and beyond cancer.

### Breast Cancer Now

Breast Cancer Now is the UK's leading breast cancer charity, combining the power of science and support to change breast cancer. The charity has a bold vision: that by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well. Breast Cancer Now cannot achieve this alone, but by working together with supporters, partners and communities, meaningful change can happen now.

### Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity, dedicated to saving and improving lives with research, influence and information. In the last 50 years, their pioneering work has helped double cancer survival in the UK. And today it's continuing to save lives, here and around the world. Cancer Research UK's

vision is a world where everybody lives longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer. And step by step, day by day, Cancer Research UK researchers are making this vision a reality thanks to their dedicated community of supporters, partners, donors, fundraisers, volunteers and staff.

## Macmillan and NHS Lothian Cancer Transformation Programme

The Macmillan and NHS Lothian Cancer Transformation Programme is a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support and NHS Lothian that aims to improve cancer care across Lothian and the wider South East Scotland region. The Programme is focused on creating a more joined-up, proactive and person-centred experience for people affected by cancer.

Integral to this is the development of a sound understanding of people's experience of cancer, from diagnosis to post-treatment across cancer types, informed by patients of all walks of life, demographics and locations. By understanding what the experience of cancer is really like for patients and those around them, they aim to make positive changes to cancer care.

## NHS Scotland Cancer Collaborative

The NHS Scotland Cancer Collaborative (NSCC) is a dedicated national resource supporting a 'Once for Scotland' approach to cancer services. The NSCC works with regional and national cancer networks, clinicians, patients, third-sector partners and national bodies to support clinically agreed best practice and assure consistent standards of cancer care, regardless of where people live in Scotland. The NSCC, in collaboration with the Scottish Cancer Tapestry team, will launch a new tapestry panel shaped by the voices and experiences of people and communities across Scotland. Visit the exhibition to explore tapestries developed so far, share your story or ideas, and add a few stitches to the new panel.






# Meet the Cancer Research UK Scotland Public Affairs Team

The Cancer Research UK Scotland Public Affairs Team works to ensure that the voices of people affected by cancer are heard by politicians and decision-makers across Scotland. We influence policy and champion change to help improve cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and outcomes for everyone affected by cancer.

Working closely with the Scottish Government, MSPs, NHS leaders, clinicians, researchers, and third-sector organisations, the team advocates for evidence-based policies that can help deliver progress against Scotland's biggest cancer challenges. We also work alongside people with lived experience of cancer, supporting them to share their stories and insights with policymakers to help shape more patient-centred services.

Our work includes:

- influencing national cancer policy and legislation
- responding to government consultations and policy developments
- engaging with MSPs, ministers, parliamentary committees, and civil servants
- supporting Cancer Research UK Campaigns Ambassadors to advocate for change
- building partnerships across the public health, research and charity sectors
- raising awareness of key cancer issues and opportunities to improve outcomes in Scotland
- championing the role of research and innovation in transforming cancer care
- secretariat of the Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Cancer
- membership of the Scottish Cancer Coalition
- delivering the annual Scottish Cancer Conference

## Meet the team



**Debbie King**
Senior External Affairs Manager (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales)



**Dr Sorcha Hume**
Public Affairs Manager (Scotland)




**Jyoti Chand**
Public Affairs Officer (Scotland)



**Riya Loomba**
Public Affairs Assistant (Devolved Nations)

To find out more about our work and campaigns, please scan the QR code or email us **ScotlandPA@cancer.org.uk.**

# Additional information

## WiFi

Free WiFi is available throughout the venue. The log in details are:

**Network**: delegate

**Password:** haymarket

## Support available

We recognise that some of the topics discussed at today's conference may be difficult or emotional, particularly for those who have been personally affected by cancer. If at any point you would like some time away from the conference, a quiet room is open all day in the dressing rooms on Level 1. If you need help finding it, or have any practical questions, please speak to a member of the conference team.

If you would like information or support relating to cancer:

- join **Cancer Chat on Cancer Research UK's website**, our fully moderated online forum, to connect with others affected by cancer
- speak to one of our cancer information nurses on 0808 800 4040 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm), or submit a question **online via our contact form**

## Audience Q&A

We'll be using Slido, a simple digital tool that allows you to submit questions and vote on others during the main plenary sessions – all from your phone or device. This makes Q&A sessions more inclusive, interactive, and focused on what matters most to the audience.

You can access Slido in advance by visiting slido.com and entering the event code #SCOTCANCER26, which we'll share on the day and display in the main conference space

If you're unsure how to access or use Slido, please speak to one of our conference volunteers – they'll be happy to help. We'll also provide instructions at the start of each plenary session.

**Please scan below to access Slido:**

## Evaluation

We would be most grateful if you could spare five minutes to complete our conference evaluation form. Your views are essential to making next year's conference even better.

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