

**WE FUND NURSES  
WE CLIMB MOUNTAINS  
WE FIGHT INEQUALITY  
WE GIVE OUR TIME  
WE SUPPORT FAMILIES  
WE PROVIDE GRANTS  
WE MAKE COFFEE  
WE RUN MARATHONS  
WE CHANGE LIVES**

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Macmillan Cancer  
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The Princess  
Royal Trust for  
Carers



# Macmillan Ambition

- “ Macmillan is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with cancer
- “ We want to reach everyone living with cancer by 2010



## **Cancer in Wales: The Challenge**

**“ The number of people diagnosed each year in Wales is more than 17,000 and rising**

**“ Wales has the highest prevalence rate (i.e. people living with or after cancer) of all UK countries at 112,000 people**

**“ By 2030, the number will have doubled**

**“ Wales has the highest ageing population of all UK countries**

**“ Wales has relatively poor survival rates compared to the rest of Europe**



# Princess Royal Trust for Carers

- “ 144 independently managed Carers Centres
- “ 85 Young Carers services
- “ Supports 400,000 carers and 25,000 young carers



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# What is a Carer?

*“ A Carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour, who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability.*

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But a Carer is so much  
more

with many different  
needs

financial,  
social,  
physical,  
psychological



# Statistics

**Six million carers in the UK**

**The support carers provide has been estimated at a staggering £87 billion a year!**

**72% of carers are worse off as a result of caring**

**54% have given up work to care**

**On average carers retire 8 years early, thus missing out of years of income and pension contributions**



# Carer Job Description

Likely to be appointed at short notice; probably overnight, and will be required to fulfil some or all of the following criteria:

- “ Have the ability and stamina to work continual long hours
- “ Be available for work up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- “ Be required to carry out tasks that in other environments would require at least two people to undertake
- “ Be able to cope with high levels of stress
- “ Receive little or no income for carrying out the role
- “ Have a vastly diminished social life
- “ Work in isolation, with little recognition from the outside world
- “ Communicate effectively with a wide range of professionals including social workers, doctors and other healthcare professionals

“ **Carers get new rights**

Duty on the NHS & Local Authorities to work jointly with Carers towards preparing a Strategy

Ensure Carers are consulted about provision of services

Places a requirement on the NHS and local authorities to implement strategy and provide information and advice to carers free of charge

Designate an NHS organisation as a lead authority for overseeing and publication of each strategy

# Nationally

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- “ **The Carers Strategy must continue through the next Parliament**
- “ **Don't cut the Carers Grant**
- “ **No carer in poverty**
- “ **Help young adult carers in further education**
- “ **Support young carers in school**



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The Plight of Carers can  
never be underestimated

**THANK YOU**  
**DIOLCH**



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