



## **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Children, Teenagers and Young Adults with Cancer**

### **Introduction**

Every year in the UK around 4,000 children and young people under 25 are diagnosed with cancer: that's 11 children and young people every single day. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Children, Teenagers and Young Adults with Cancer (APPG CTYAC) will bring together MPs and Peers from all political parties to champion the voices of children, teenagers and young adults with cancer in Parliament.

The Group will be a strong, cohesive voice in Parliament for children, teenagers and young adults with cancer and their families. By influencing policy and key decision-makers, we will make sure that the issues that matter to children and young people with cancer and their families are reflected in cancer services across the UK and that the Government and bodies such as NHS England are held to account.

You can show your support by becoming a champion of #YoungCancerVoices today.

### **Children and young people with cancer in the UK**

Cancer services for children, teenagers and young adults in the UK are at a turning point. Recently, we have seen developments in cancer care in Wales, Scotland, England and Northern Ireland, all of which recognise that children, teenagers and young adults with cancer have specific needs but, at the same time, the NHS is under increasing pressure.

Improvements have been made in cancer services across the UK, but progress still needs to be made in key areas of experience for children, teenagers and young adults, including earlier diagnosis, access to age-appropriate services and post-treatment support.

As health services adapt to new ways of working and funding, we have to make sure that children, teenagers and young adults with cancer are not forgotten. The APPG will help decision-makers across the UK understand what matters most to young people with cancer and support them to deliver it.

### **What happens next?**

The APPG CTYAC will focus on patient experience in its first year – this has been identified by NHS England and in cancer strategies across the UK as being as important as clinical outcomes. The Group's activity will involve a scrutiny session in 2018 to gather evidence on key areas of experience from service users, influencers and policy makers.

### **Get in touch**

CLIC Sargent and Teenage Cancer Trust are two charities which are experts in children and young people with cancer. As the Secretariat for the Group, we're working in partnership to help MPs and Peers understand what it's like to be a young person with cancer.

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