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News this month...

Dear Cancer Champions,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Whilst we understand that Coronavirus is everyone's main concern at the moment, it's also important to remember that cancer and other serious illnesses are still affecting thousands of people. Just this morning, a report emerged that cancer referrals may have fallen by nearly 80% in some areas of the country. A large part of this is thought to be due to people not visiting their GP with concerns or symptoms. We would urge anyone experiencing any changes or [common symptoms of cancer](#) to contact their GP by telephone or email as soon as possible so you can get checked out.

You can also find advice on Coronavirus for people worried about cancer or already diagnosed here:

- [Cancer Research](#)
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

Below is a quick update on the work we have been doing over the past few weeks and how we are responding to Coronavirus.

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Champion our movement, spread the word and together we can conquer cancer, be a Cancer Champion.

[Join now](#)

New Websites Launched!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Cancer Champions GM and Answer Cancer websites! We hope that you'll enjoy the fresh look and added features.

Over the coming weeks and months we'll be rolling out more information, including new online training modules.

Please check out the websites and let us know what you think!

[Visit the Cancer Champions website](#)

[Visit the Answer Cancer website](#)

Answer Cancer Grant Fund

As previously mentioned, the latest round of the Answer Cancer Fund is now open to applications. This is offering financial support of £1,000 to £2,000 to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations who can help promote cancer screening.

In response to Coronavirus, this fund is asking applicants to consider different

Ahead of the deadline for applications on 4th May, we are hosting a series of virtual Meet the Funder Sessions for organisations considering making an application via Zoom as follows:

[Friday 17th April, 11am – 12noon](#)

Meeting ID: 989 4294 3748 Password: 017800

[Monday 20th April, 12noon – 1pm](#)

Meeting ID: 914 8314 9692 Password: 025387

[Wednesday 22nd April, 3.30pm – 4.30pm](#)

Meeting ID: 918 6990 7229 Password: 001738

Please do join us if you are interested and would like to find out more about the grants available and how we have amended the fund in response to Coronavirus and the resulting restrictions on delivering face-to-face services.

[Find out more](#)

Welcome Kirit!

Finally, we would like to introduce you to the latest member of the Cancer Champions team, Kirit Patel! Here are a few words from Kirit about himself and his role:



Hello, my name is Kirit Patel and I have recently joined the team as the Cancer Champions' Development Worker. I have over 20 years' experience of working within the voluntary and community sector as a manager, trainer and trustee of a cancer charity. I am so happy you have signed up to be a Cancer Champion; and truly value your commitment and support to raising awareness on cancer and saving lives. I will be contacting you by phone or text in the coming weeks to see how I can support you in your role as a Cancer Champion. If you any questions or comments in

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