



Teenagers and
Young
Adults with
Cancer

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025



BRIDGING THE GAP

We are a specialist network of professionals who treat and care for teenagers and young adults with cancer.

Our strength lies in our knowledge and understanding that teenagers and young adults have different and specific needs to children and older adults, and require age-appropriate care.

We are working hard to break down barriers and fight for change for all teenagers and young adults with cancer.



OUR VISION

Shaping a future where all teenagers and young adults with cancer survive and live well.

OUR PURPOSE

- To be the leading national platform for influence and progress in teenage and young adult cancer treatment and care.
- To support and empower our members through education, awareness, research and knowledge.
- To seamlessly bridge the gap between child and adult cancer care for all TYA patients.

OUR VALUES



PROFESSIONAL

We are open, reliable, accountable and informed, inspiring trust and confidence.



PASSIONATE

Our dedication, energy and belief in making a positive difference to TYA cancer patients will drive forward progress.



CONNECT

We connect, unite and engage with colleagues, researchers, patients and their families to work together, respond to challenges and seize opportunities as one voice.



TRANSFORM

We are a catalyst for change, embracing innovation and influence to shape the future of TYA cancer care.



OUR GOALS

ONE

Build a membership community for all professionals working with TYA cancer patients.

As leaders and experts in the field, we want to make sure that all teenagers and young adults (aged 13-24) with cancer receive the best possible treatment and care, at all stages of their cancer experience.

We aim to:

- Be the professional community for all those working within TYA oncology.
- Support and empower our members in their daily working lives by creating a platform to improve their skills and knowledge within their specialty.
- Expand and promote our professional identity in TYA oncology to connect and engage with all TYA professionals through national TYAC Champion schemes within each centre.
- Communicate information and enhance networking opportunities for all of our members.
- Establish and build professional networks to advance, promote and share knowledge across the TYA profession via Special Interest Groups, so that treatment and services are continuously improving and evolving to meet the needs of patients and their families.
- Organise educational and scientific conferences to share innovation and inspiration, and disseminate new information and good practice in care, treatment and research.
- Collaborate and develop productive and effective partnerships with other organisations who work with TYA patients, both nationally and internationally.
- Attract and engage new members from allied health and adult oncology audiences to ensure all TYA patients are treated consistently from paediatric to adult oncology care.
- Maximise our membership experience by responding to their needs and expectations.
- Be the expert voice of the TYA professional community.





TWO

Be a strong professional voice for teenagers and young adults with cancer and their need for specialist care.

We are a unified voice and champion for TYA patients and their need for specialist care.

We aim to:

- Advocate for equal access to treatment and care, including access to clinical trials and research.
- Influence health practice, policy and research by campaigning and raising awareness of the specific skills, experience and knowledge needed to care for TYAs with cancer.
- Participate in national groups, committees and bodies relevant to TYA cancer care to make our voice heard and to learn from others.
- Collaborate with other relevant organisations to put TYA cancer patients at the heart of health policy and reform within the oncology field.



THREE

Educate for impact to improve the cancer experience.

Our goal is to find innovative ways of educating professionals to promote excellence of care, and to help them better understand the needs of TYA cancer patients. We want to educate and empower young patients so they can make the right healthcare decisions for them.

We aim to:

- Define, promote and maintain the highest national standards possible through best practice guidelines for service development.
- Expand and develop evidence-based education, training and learning programmes to improve TYA care and services across the country.
- Help and support trainee members with additional learning and mentoring to build knowledge and confidence in all areas of their work.
- Embrace ideas and discoveries to drive innovation and progress for TYA treatment and care now and in the future.
- Strengthen our expert information portfolio for patients and families to cover all aspects of the cancer experience.

FOUR

Lead and fund world-class research dedicated to teenage and young adult cancer.

We recognise the need for dedicated research into this specialist area and will take the lead in developing research to inform the future of TYA cancer care.

We aim to:

- Establish a comprehensive research strategy and portfolio.
- Identify and fund research gaps to ensure the whole cancer experience is considered.
- Promote and facilitate TYA tumour banking to increase available samples for research.
- Strengthen national and international collaborations and partnerships within the cancer research community to drive improvements.
- Promote the role of clinical trials in TYA cancer care and increase the number of TYA patients participating in research.
- Promote the importance of patient involvement and experience at the heart of research.



TYAC BEST PRACTICE GUIDES

Our information booklets provide guidelines and information for health professionals working with teenagers and young adults aged 13-24 years with cancer. Uniting professionals. Improving practice.

Download for free from our website: www.tyac.org.uk/professionals/TYAC-Best-Practice-Guidance

BMA AWARD WINNERS: We are proud to have achieved first prize in the 2019 BMA Patient Information Awards in their Young Adults award category.

The BMA Patient Information Awards support and encourage patient-centred care through the production of well-designed and clinically balanced information which will promote both greater awareness of health and patient choice.





RESEARCH

advocacy **CHANGE**

PROFESSIONAL

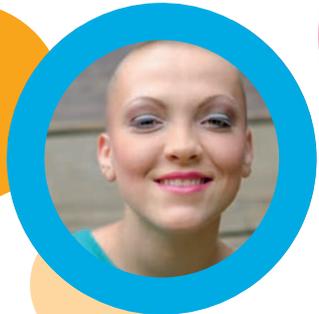
EDUCATE influence

DRIVE leadership

network **PRACTICE**

collaborate

unify





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TYAC is part of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), registered charity number 1182637.
Funds raised for TYAC will be ringfenced by CCLG for teenage and young adult cancer activity.

