

# Be Child Cancer Aware



Raising awareness of childhood cancers, as every day young lives are being lost.

- Childhood cancer kills more children in the UK than any other disease
- An estimated 1,400 children lose their battle with cancer every year. Every day 10 more children and teenagers will be told they have cancer
- There are 10,000 children and young persons currently receiving treatment in the UK today

## Our aims



To ensure that all parents are aware of the signs and symptoms of the cancers that affect children, teenagers and young adults



To petition UK Government to ensure that GPs are made aware of the child cancer referral guidelines



## Our mission

To provide information in order to raise awareness of cancer in children, teenagers and young adults through the Be Child Cancer Aware campaign. Cancer in children and young people is **more common than you think**.

There is a severe lack of awareness and **young lives are being lost** due to late diagnosis. **We aim to change that**, and the fact that **you** are reading this means that already **you** are better informed about the cancers that affect our children, teenagers and young adults.



[www.bechildcanceraware.org](http://www.bechildcanceraware.org)

# Know the main signs and symptoms



**C**ontinued, unexplained weight loss

**H**eadaches, often with early morning vomiting

**I**ncreased swelling or persistent pain in bones, joints, back or legs

**L**ump or mass especially in the abdomen, neck, chest, pelvis or armpits

**D**evelopment of excessive bruising, bleeding or rash



**C**onstant infections

**A** whitish colour behind the pupils

**N**ausea which persists or vomiting without nausea

**C**onstant tiredness or noticeable paleness

**E**ye or vision changes which occur suddenly or persist

**R**ecurrent or persistent fevers of unknown origin



Ted is just one of 4,000 children and young adults who are diagnosed with cancer every year.

Please visit our website to learn more about the signs and symptoms of childhood cancers.

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This card is designed to highlight the main signs and symptoms of cancer in children and young adults. However, **you know your child better than anyone else**. If **you** are unsure about **your child's health**, please seek medical advice. An early diagnosis can **save your child's life or the life of a child you know**.