

Beating cancer together

Our highlights

2011/12

Together we will beat cancer

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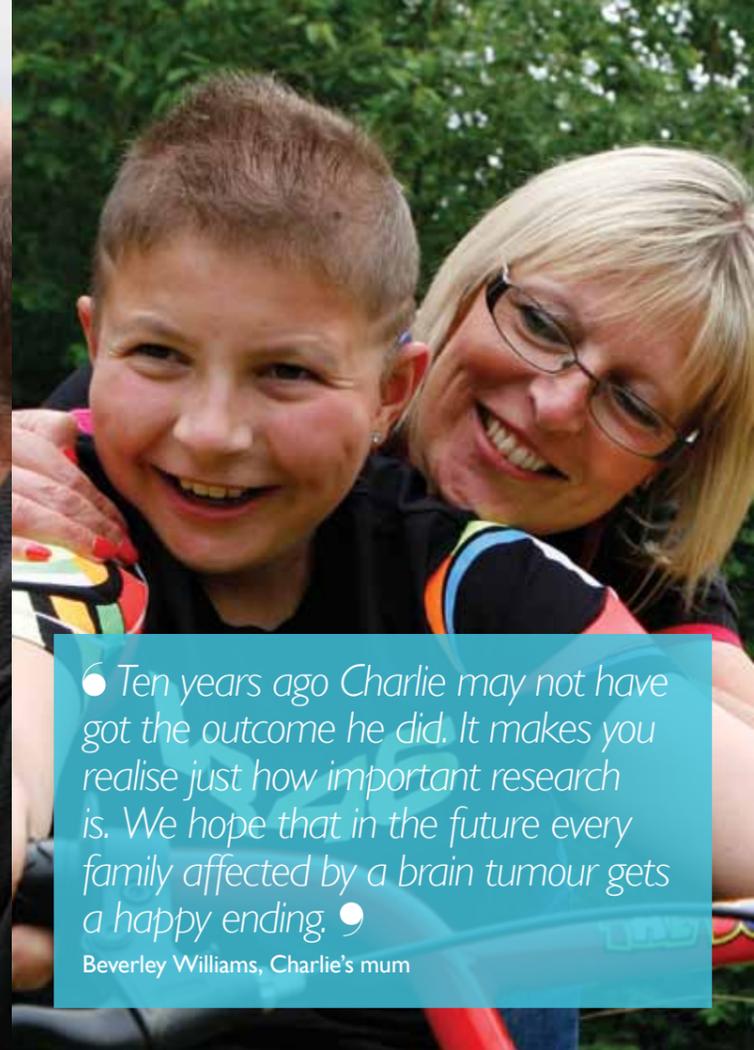
“I'm so thankful for the work of Cancer Research UK. We need to keep raising money to support the amazing scientists, doctors and nurses who are dedicated to beating cancer.”

Kay Bailey, Hodgkin lymphoma survivor



“If my cancer hadn't been diagnosed when it was, I wouldn't be here to tell my story. I owe my life to cancer awareness and screening.”

Sharon Chick, cervical cancer survivor



“Ten years ago Charlie may not have got the outcome he did. It makes you realise just how important research is. We hope that in the future every family affected by a brain tumour gets a happy ending.”

Beverley Williams, Charlie's mum

Some highlights from 2011/12

It's been an exciting year. We made a discovery that could revolutionise how breast cancer is diagnosed and treated. Three new cancer drugs reached patients – including abiraterone, which gives new treatment options for men with advanced prostate cancer. And we launched a trial of a new test to prevent and detect oesophageal cancer.

More people are beating cancer than ever before and we've been at the heart of that progress. But significant challenges lie ahead, with the number of people diagnosed with cancer in the UK set to rise steeply by 2030.

Our vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. But with over 200 different types of cancer there's still much more we need to do. With increased support we could save more lives sooner.

We'd like to thank every one of our amazing scientists, doctors, nurses, volunteers and staff. And most of all, our generous and dedicated supporters. You make our life-saving work possible. Together we are beating cancer.



Harpal S Kumar,
Chief Executive



Our scientists are finding the answers

Using their expertise and the latest technologies, our scientists are making life-saving discoveries. Working in many areas of research, from biology to maths, together they lead the world in the fight against cancer.

Breast cancer breakthrough

Professor Carlos Caldas, at our Cambridge Research Institute, conducted a landmark study that completely changes the way we look at breast cancer. Using sophisticated equipment to analyse the genetic fingerprints of 2,000 breast tumour samples, his team discovered 10 different subtypes of the disease. This means more women could benefit from drugs that are tailored to their specific breast cancer.

Preventing cancer: stacking the odds in your favour

We funded Professor Max Parkin's large study of cancer and lifestyle, to work out how many cancers could be prevented. Results showed that more than 100,000 cancers diagnosed in the UK each year are caused by smoking, unhealthy diets, excess weight and alcohol. This means that around four in 10 cancers are caused by things we mostly have the power to change. These results will help us improve awareness and find new ways to prevent the disease.

Cancer survivors give hope to others

Living proof of the incredible progress we're making, cancer survivors inspire our fundraising and influence our campaigns. Their stories motivate others to join us and help beat cancer.

Campaigning for life-saving radiotherapy

Thanks to our 'Voice for Radiotherapy' campaign over 36,000 people signed our petition to the Government to demand that the best radiotherapy treatments are available to everyone who needs them. We also welcomed the announcement that proton beam therapy, which can target some tumours more accurately and reduce side effects, will be available for the first time in England by 2016.

Helping more women survive ovarian cancer

Our scientists made an important discovery – showing that women with mistakes in a gene called RAD51D are much more likely to develop ovarian cancer. Although only a small number of women carry faults in this gene, we hope that one day all women with a family history of ovarian cancer will be tested for this fault and offered advice about screening and treatment.

Beating cancer together

Every step we take towards beating cancer is thanks to you. With your support we continue to improve the way we prevent, detect and treat the disease. This year you gave an incredible £432 million.

Legacies	£137m
Direct giving	£101m
Events	£69m
Shop income	£66m
Volunteer fundraising	£27m
High value donors	£27m
Other income	£5m

Nine out of ten of the donations we receive are for £10 or less, proving that small amounts really do make a big difference.



For every £1 donated, 80 pence is available to spend on our work to beat cancer.



We use what's left – 20 pence in every £1 – to raise funds for the future. For every £1 we spend on fundraising, we raise over £4 more.

Funding research across the UK

Thanks to our supporters we fund over 4,000 researchers, nurses and doctors across the UK

- Our Institutes
- Our Centres
- Just some of the locations where we fund research and support clinical trials



Want to know more?

In our Annual Review we share some amazing stories with you – told by our scientists, supporters, doctors and by cancer survivors. Our Annual Report and Accounts gives a financial overview of 2011/12 and our aims for the year ahead.



Download a copy at aboutus.cancerresearchuk.org/our-annual-publications

Our doctors save lives

From GPs to cancer specialists, we work closely with doctors in labs and hospitals around the country. Together they improve the way we diagnose and treat cancer – helping to save thousands of lives.

The sponge that could help prevent cancer

Oesophageal cancer is often diagnosed at a late stage, when it's difficult to treat. We're tackling this problem by funding research into a new approach that aims to save more lives in the future. Dr Rebecca Fitzgerald is leading a trial of a test to detect Barrett's oesophagus, a throat condition that can increase the risk of oesophageal cancer. The 'Cytosponge' test could show if people with Barrett's oesophagus need treatment to prevent cancer from developing.

Beating brain tumours

Our doctors are looking at new ways of detecting brain tumours and developing essential new treatments that will help more adults and children survive. We're co-funding a trial in glioblastoma, one of the most common types of brain tumours in adults, investigating an exciting new technique to 'light-up' tumours, making surgery more effective. We're also supporting research to improve treatments for children with medulloblastoma, which aims to lower the risk of long-term side effects such as deafness, making a huge difference to a child's quality of life.

Our supporters change lives

They back our campaigns, raise awareness and volunteer their time. Our supporters fundraise in every way imaginable. Their commitment and generosity help keep families together.

The answer is plain

Smoking is the single biggest preventable cause of cancer in the world. Our campaign, 'The answer is plain', aims to protect children from tobacco. We're petitioning the Government to bring in plain packaging so children are less likely to be seduced by sophisticated marketing techniques. This is part of our ongoing work to reduce the harm caused by tobacco: displays were banned from supermarkets in April 2012 and small shops will follow from April 2015.

Tesco: sharing our vision to beat cancer

Not recognising symptoms or delaying going to the doctor means cancer is often diagnosed late – when it can be harder to treat. We've joined forces with Tesco to change this. We've been chosen as their Charity of the Year 2012 and they aim to raise £10 million to fund early diagnosis projects across the UK. We're also working together to increase awareness of the early signs of cancer and encourage people to visit their doctor if they notice anything unusual.

We fund over half the UK's cancer research. In 2011/12, we spent £332 million on research in institutes, hospitals and universities across the UK. We also spent £16 million on providing information to people affected by cancer, raising awareness of cancer risks and symptoms, and influencing health policies.

