How to contact your MP / MSP / MS / MLA

Join us in lobbying politicians around the UK to ask them to support action for the less survivable cancers.

Below is a draft email that you can personalise and send to your MP, MS (if you live in Wales), MSP (if you live in Scotland) or MLA (if you live in Northern Ireland) to ask them to support action for the less survivable cancers.

You’ll need to find out who your MP / MS / MSP / MLA is (details on how to do this are below), and find their contact email address or postal address from their website.

You can copy and paste the letter below to an email, add your personal details, and a paragraph about your personal experiences if you have been affected by one of these cancers. Then send it to your representative. Please keep us updated with any response you get by emailing lesssurvivablecancers@principleconsulting.org.uk.

How to find email addresses for your local politicians:

- England: Find out who your MP is: https://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/
- Scotland: Find out who your MSP is: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/msps.aspx
- Wales: Find out who your MS is: http://www.assembly.wales/en/memhome/Pages/memhome.aspx
- Northern Ireland: Find out who your MLA is: Locate Your MLA (niassembly.gov.uk)

Draft letter

Dear [NAME OF MP / MS / MSP / MLA],

I live in your constituency at [INSERT YOUR ADDRESS] and am writing to ask if you will help to raise awareness of symptoms of the less survivable cancers, and also support action to focus on these cancers.

The six less survivable cancers are cancers of the lung, pancreas, liver, brain, oesophagus and stomach. Over 80,000 people are diagnosed with one of these cancers every year in the UK and they account for almost half of all common cancer deaths. Sadly, only 16% of people diagnosed with a less survivable cancer will live for 5 years or more after diagnosis. These cancers simply have not seen the improvements in outcomes that have been made in other cancer areas in recent decades.

The 11th of January 2022 is the first ever Less Survivable Cancers Awareness Day, run by the Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce. The day aims to raise the profile of these six cancers, to raise awareness of symptoms and to highlight the critical importance of early diagnosis in improving survival.

Less survivable cancers are difficult to diagnose, with vague or non-specific symptoms. We need to raise awareness of less survivable cancers and their symptoms with the public, encouraging people to see their GP if they have worrying symptoms.

I would be delighted if you could show your support for the less survivable cancers by:

- Sharing Twitter posts from the Less Survivable Cancers Taskforce: LSC Taskforce (@LessSurvivable) / Twitter
- Writing to the Minister responsible for Cancer, Maria Caulfield MP, to ask that she sets specific targets for less survivable cancers to drive improvements in earlier diagnosis, faster diagnosis and optimal care pathways for each of the 6 cancers.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]