

LET'S TALK

BLOOD CANCER

The Patients' Magazine

CURE
Leukaemia



ABOUT US

With a new blood cancer diagnosis **every 27 seconds** worldwide, Cure Leukaemia funds research nurses and clinical roles at hospitals across the UK, providing patients – both adults and children – with access to innovative and potentially life-saving treatments through clinical trials.

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CURE LEUKAEMIA?

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SYMPTOMS OF BLOOD CANCER:

Hear from some of our patients about their first symptoms.



JENNA'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Debilitating headaches, bleeding gums, bruising and extreme fatigue.



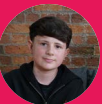
MORGAN'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Different skin colouring, and feeling out of breath while walking to the train.



HUGHIE'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Tiredness, aches and pains in his chest, back, knees and ankles.



JUDE'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Finding bruises all over his legs.



ELEANOR'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Felt lethargic and experienced breathlessness during everyday tasks.



TOM'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Finding little lumps on his neck.



MARK'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Pain across his shoulders, by the end of the week he was just shivering and shaking.



LIZZIE'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Small red pin-prick dots on her skin and began suffering from lower abdominal pain.



MARK'S SYMPTOMS WERE:

Tiredness, weight loss, or a loss of colour in his skin.

DID YOU KNOW

OVER
250,000
PEOPLE

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WITH BLOOD CANCER

BLOOD CANCER
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A STORY THAT INSPIRES

Hear from Jo and Lee Harrigan as they share their son Aidan's journey after being diagnosed with Mixed Phenotypical Leukaemia.

Aidan, aged 22, is currently undergoing maintenance treatment for late-relapsed Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QE), following a relapse in August 2025. He has Down syndrome and autism.

He was first diagnosed in August 2020 with a blast crisis of Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia, which was then diagnosed as a rare form of blood cancer called Mixed Phenotypical Leukaemia.

How does this look for Aidan?

Young people with Down syndrome are susceptible to developing all forms of leukaemia. They can have a good prognosis, but they often struggle with the toxicity of chemotherapy and are vulnerable to infections.

Unlike most people, Aidan generally looks forward to his hospital appointments. However, he finds staying in hospital difficult. Despite this, he knows and likes the staff on the Teenage Cancer Ward and is a social butterfly, even though he cannot speak.

From the perspective of a family with a child with learning difficulties, Aidan's consultant, the Haematology team, the Clinic, the Day Unit, the theatre staff, and Ambulatory Care go above and beyond to get him the treatment he needs in the way he needs it.

Although Aidan has been very poorly at times over the past six years, he continues to do well. His big sister Enya is not only a devoted sibling but also one of his carers, while his big brother Robbie has been a tremendous source of support throughout his journey.

Since 2020, "appledownartforcharity" has raised around £4000 for Cure Leukaemia.



We are not physically running marathons or cycling but mentally it feels like a marathon every day...yet Aidan's joy of living helps us along the way.

THE HARRIGAN'S
AIDAN'S MUM AND DAD

SHARE YOUR STORY

Have a story that could inspire others?
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WATCH AS WE SHARE HOW THE #CLFAMILY

have helped bring us closer to a cure over the last 12 months, making an impact across the globe!

SEPTEMBER EVENT ROUND UP



MARIAM REFORMER PILATES Midlands

Long-time supporter Mariam held a Pilates fundraiser for the 2027 Double TCS London Marathon, inspired by the impact treatment has had on someone close to her and the value of being able to move freely.



WORCESTER CITY RUN

A sea of Cure Leukaemia pink filled Worcester as supporters 'Ran with Adam' at the Worcester City Run, raising funds for blood cancer patient Adam Claxton.



TD4 REGIONAL RIDES Midlands, Surrey & Manchester

Team Cure Leukaemia brought the spirit of the ride closer to home, hosting regional rides across the UK to unite supporters and raise vital awareness for people affected by cancer.



CORNWALL CHALLENGE Rock to Padstow. Padstow to Newquay

Mark and Ottie took on a true Cornish Challenge. Together, in a single day, they completed a 1-mile open-water swim from Rock to Padstow, followed by a 24-mile walk from Padstow to Newquay, all while raising money for Cure Leukaemia and Beach Guardian.



BERLIN MARATHON

Braving the Berlin heat, Team Cure Leukaemia powered through 26.2 miles for a cure, showing incredible determination every step of the way while raising vital funds for those affected by blood cancer.



LOGSON BOAT RACE Belfast

36 Logson Group employees celebrated W&R Barnett Ltd's 130th anniversary with a Dragon Boat Race on Belfast's River Lagan, raising over £4,000 for Cure Leukaemia.



TD4 Glasgow

Team Cure Leukaemia was out in force as 120 riders travelled to Glasgow to take on Sir Chris Hoy's Tour de 4. Designed to unite people affected by cancer and inspire hope, the event lived up to its mission, raising an incredible £2.7 million for cancer charities across the UK.



SIR CHRIS HOY
TALKS TO CURE
LEUKAEMIA AT
TOUR DE 4

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GREAT NORTH RUN Newcastle

From Newcastle to South Shields, Team Cure Leukaemia conquered the iconic 13.1-mile Great North Run in support of a cure.



LONDON 2 BRIGHTON

Joining hundreds of fellow cyclists, 25 Team Cure Leukaemia riders completed the scenic 55-mile route from London to Brighton, all for a cure.



THE SPORTING CLUB CELEBRITY GOLF DAY Hatfield

From sporting legends to movie stars, The Sporting Club's annual Celebrity Golf Day at Bocket Hall Estate delivered an unforgettable day on and off the course.



CRAFTING FOR A CURE

Hayley Ellis – Senior Research Sister and Zoe Guy – Senior Haematology Research Sister, work in the Haematology department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham and wanted to use their crafting hobby to raise money for national blood cancer charity, Cure Leukaemia.

If like Hayley and Zoe, getting on a bike or putting on a pair of trainers isn't your thing, but you'd like to join the CL family, you too can get your craft on, purchase an item or donate to the team



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DAYS**
ON THE BIKE!





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