

Sarcoma UK's Key Messages

- Sarcomas are uncommon cancers that can affect any part of the body, on the inside or outside, including the muscle, bone, tendons, blood vessels and fatty tissues.
- 15 people are diagnosed with sarcoma every day in the UK. That's about 5300 people a year.
- There are around 100 different sub-types of sarcoma.
- Sarcoma UK is a national charity that funds vital research, offers support for anyone affected by sarcoma and campaigns for better treatments.

Facts and figures about sarcoma

- Sarcoma is more common than previously thought. In 2015 there were 5345 people diagnosed with sarcoma cancer in the UK.
- There are three main types of sarcoma: soft tissue sarcoma, bone sarcoma and gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST).
- Sarcoma diagnoses now make up about 1.3% of all cancer diagnoses in the UK.
- About 670 cases of bone sarcoma are diagnosed every year in the UK.
- Seven in ten (71%) sarcomas diagnosed in the UK are soft tissue sarcomas.
- The majority of people are diagnosed when their sarcoma is about the size of a large tin of baked beans (10cm).
- Awareness of sarcoma is low. According to a YouGov poll conducted in April 2019, 75% of people in the UK do not know or are not sure what sarcoma is.

Survival Rates

- Sarcoma survival rates have been very gradually increasing over the last two decades in the UK.
- Almost eight in 10 people (78%) diagnosed with sarcoma in the UK will live up to a year.
- The average percentage of people living three years after being diagnosed with sarcoma in the UK is 64.5%.
- The five-year survival rate for sarcoma is 55%.

About Sarcoma UK

- Sarcoma UK is a national charity that funds vital research, offers support for anyone affected by sarcoma and campaigns for better treatments.
- The charity's mission is to ensure everyone affected by sarcoma receives the best treatment, care, information and support available and to create the treatments of the future.
- To date, Sarcoma UK has helped more than 1400 individuals who use our support services an average of three times since we launched it in February 2016.
- The charity is now one of the biggest funders of sarcoma research in the UK, having invested more than £2.4 million to date to 44 research projects (as of July 2019).