



SARCOMA UK KEY MESSAGES

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5. To find out more about sarcoma or to donate to Sarcoma UK visit www.sarcoma.org.uk

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to amplify sarcoma awareness, inspire involvement, and fund ground-breaking research to transform the lives of everyone affected by sarcoma.

ABOUT SARCOMA

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2. Sarcoma is cancer of the bone or soft tissue.
3. A key symptom of sarcoma is a lump that is increasing in size, often quickly.
4. Sarcoma is one of the hardest cancers to diagnose. People visit their GP more times than those with any other form of cancer before being diagnosed with sarcoma.
5. Early diagnosis could increase survival by 20%.
6. Sarcoma is usually the size of a baked bean tin when diagnosed. If sarcoma is diagnosed when it is smaller than a golf ball, it would increase the chance of survival by at least 20%.
7. People with sarcoma tend to be younger than most people with cancer. 16% of sarcomas are diagnosed in people under 30, compared to only 2% of all other cancers.

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3. Sarcoma UK is the only UK charity providing personal support and expert information on sarcoma. In February 2016, the charity launched their national Support Line. Due to high demand they plan to double the number of specialist nurses who answer the line by July 2016.
4. Sarcoma UK aims to increase survival rates by at least 10% by 2020. Early diagnosis saves lives.
5. Sarcoma UK provides education and training for GPs to help them recognise the symptoms of sarcoma.