

Tenovus Cancer Care Research Strategy

Tenovus Cancer Care's vision is a future where fewer people get cancer, and those that do have equal access to the best treatment and support.

We conduct and fund research to improve cancer outcomes and experiences. Through our multiple grant streams, we look to invest in research in all aspects of the cancer journey; from prevention through to end of life care.

Through robust, rigorous and comprehensive research, we constantly evaluate the services we provide in order to continuously strive to improve the efficiency, quality and reach of our service provision. Through this, we use evidence to be innovative, providing new and dynamic approaches to provide the best quality care and support.

The research we conduct and fund is underpinned by our efforts to maximise our research impact through research engagement with the public and academics. We also support and encourage our funded researchers to do likewise in order to ensure findings and best practice is shared.

We have a strong commitment to involve people living with and affected by cancer in our research. They play a vital role in helping to review and determine the research that we fund. In addition to this, we make concerted efforts to provide opportunities to make it as easy as possible for individuals to participate in research.

Our research strategy is broadly focused on, but not limited to, four areas:

Horizon Scanning

There is of course a necessity to allow long term projects which address the more fundamental and comprehensive challenges that cancer creates. These are projects at the forefront, playing a role in producing cutting-edge breakthroughs in the ongoing challenges that cancer presents. Largely in the form of PhD studentships, example projects include research to further our knowledge of how cancers form, creating new drugs for some of the hardest to treat cancers and identifying new genes that could show if a person is at a high risk of getting cancer.

Projects with immediate application

Whilst research to reduce cancer occurrence and to tackle cancer symptoms and progression is vital, it is also imperative to conduct research which can improve the lives and situations of those affected by cancer in the here and now. This is why we also fund smaller projects with more immediate ambitions to address the needs of people living with and beyond cancer.

Internal Evaluation

It is vital that in order for the best possible support to be delivered, we need Tenovus Cancer Care services to undergo comprehensive, robust service evaluations in order to measure and identify opportunities to improve efficiency, quality and reach of Tenovus Cancer Care service provision.

Strategy Planning

We want to use high quality, robust research to aid strategic decision making in order to ensure that services provided are forward thinking, innovative and in line with service user need. The role of our Research Strategy Grant stream is to fund research which directly feeds into implementing the aims, objectives and strategy of Tenovus Cancer Care. This would operate through making themed calls.

The Research Strategy is reviewed every three years in order to ensure that it is aligned with the review of our overall charity aims and objectives.