



# OGCancerNI

Stomach and Oesophageal Cancer Support



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## CHAIRPERSON'S SUMMER UPDATE



It is a sad but true that fact many people had never heard of oesophageal or gastric cancer until a friend or family member had been diagnosed with the condition.

It would make a big difference if people were aware of these cancers and their signs and symptoms. Had they known, treatment could have been given earlier and perhaps a life saved? It is an objective of OGCancerNI to raise awareness of the profile of OG cancer and this is why the OG van is out and about around the province. Have a look on the next page to see if the van is coming to a venue near you – if so, come along and support us!

Another barrier to the detection of this disease is the lack of a screening process. We are so pleased that, under the direction of Dr Mainie, plans are in place to bring a Cytosponge screening test to more people. There are other pleasing advances in the detection and treatment of OG cancer in the past few years. However, more needs to be done to improve the survival rate for these cancers. The OG cancer charity is busy catching up after the Covid pandemic. We held a very successful Well-being meeting in the Lisburn Civic Centre on 1st April,

and plans are already well under way for our next meeting in the Great Hall at Queen's University on 30th September 2023 plus a meeting at the Foyle Centre in the North West on 11th November 2023. We are also excited that our Information Stand in the Belfast City Hospital will start again in September 2023. The timing of the stall coincides with the Outpatients Clinic on a Tuesday morning. We need more volunteers to man the stall on these mornings, for which training will be given. Once again we have some wonderful fund raisers with people running, cycling, climbing mountains, holding coffee mornings, Big Breakfasts, golf events. Thank you to all who have supported us, we really do appreciate your support.

Some good news is the arrival of Mr Ronan Gray and Mr Scott McCain who have joined the Surgeons in the Belfast City Hospital. Welcome to the team gentlemen! We are very saddened to lose the expertise and dedication of Mr Andrew Kennedy as he steps aside from Upper G I surgery. Mr Kennedy has introduced many new initiatives during his time in the City Hospital and he has been an enormous help to OGCancerNI. He will be greatly missed and we wish him a happy retirement. However, the charity is delighted he has recently agreed to join the Board of Trustees. We also welcome Mrs Mairead McGonagle to the Board. We now have a total of eight active Trustees.

## Fundraising for OGCancerNI

**OGCancerNI have secured 5 charity places for the London Landmarks Half Marathon taking place on 7th April 2024. Fancy a challenge? Get in touch @ [info@ogcancer.org](mailto:info@ogcancer.org) or on 07568 157450**



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## EVENTS 2023

2023 has been a busy year to date with so much more to come! We have already attended the Armagh, Lurgan, Ballymoney, Saintfield and Ballymena County Shows. Please see below a list of the events OGCancerNI will be attending this year.

- Saturday 24 June Newry Country Show
- Saturday 1st July Omagh Country Show
- Saturday 15 July Londonderry and Limavady Show
- Saturday 15 July 2023 Castlewellan Agricultural Show
- Thursday 20th July 2023 Portaferry Galafest
- Saturday 22nd July 2023 Radox Antrim Show
- Wednesday 26 July 2023 Clougher Agricultural Show
- Portaferry Sails and Sounds Fest 5th August
- Fermanagh County Show Friday 11th and Saturday 12th August 2023
- Kirkistown Motor Racing Circuit Saturday 26th August
- Saturday 30 September OGCancerNI Autumn Well Being Meeting - Queens University, Great Hall
- Saturday 11 November OGCancerNI Winter Well Being Meeting - Foyle Arena

More event details are available on our website.  
Visit [www.ogcancer.com](http://www.ogcancer.com) for more information!

## Volunteering for OGCancerNI

Volunteering can be a very beneficial undertaking, not only for you but also for those you help directly or indirectly and the impact can be long lasting! There are many ways to volunteer for OGCancerNI. For more information please email [info@ogcancer.com](mailto:info@ogcancer.com) or call us on 07568157450.

- We currently need more volunteers.
- for our up and coming events
- we need people willing to drive the OGCancerNI van
- and to assist in the planning of the next Oesophacycle.

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Thank you!