



Yorkshire Cancer
Research



Our Impact

2025

Together we're *changing Yorkshire's cancer story, for good.*

Yorkshire is one of
the regions hardest
hit by cancer.
*Together, we can
change this.*

Every 17 minutes, someone in Yorkshire is told they have cancer

Yorkshire Cancer Research exists so more people live longer healthier lives, free of cancer. With your help, the charity funds vital cancer research and pioneers innovative new services for people with cancer.



10,325*
more years of life

Thanks to the research and services funded by the charity, people in Yorkshire and beyond who have taken part will enjoy **10,325 more years of life.**

That's 10,325 more years spent with family and loved ones.

This report illustrates the life-giving impact Yorkshire Cancer Research has – in Yorkshire, and beyond. It reflects the impact achieved through the charity's funded research and services since 2015.

* More years of life (also referred to as 'life years gained'), is a measure that compares the predicted life expectancy of people taking part in research and services funded by the charity, with their life expectancy had they not taken part in these programmes. 10,325 years represents the estimated increase in life expectancy for those who have taken part in research and services programmes funded by the charity since 2015.



Our impact

Thanks to supporters, the charity funds research and services to prevent, *diagnose* and *treat* cancer. Together we've brought a century of breakthroughs, progress and life-saving discoveries.

What does this mean for people in Yorkshire, and beyond?

Since 2015, Yorkshire Cancer Research estimates that, through the life-giving programmes it has funded:

449

cancers will be prevented

908

lives have been saved

561

cancers have been diagnosed earlier

311

lives have been extended

Our strategy

Yorkshire Cancer Research's strategy describes the actions the charity is taking today to help *prevent*, *diagnose* and *treat* cancer. It explains the charity's life-giving work, made possible thanks to employees, volunteers and supporters. *By you.*

Together, the five strategic aims demonstrate how the charity is making a unique and vital contribution to the lives of people with cancer, the Yorkshire region and the world of cancer research.

<p>1. Action Research</p>  <p>Bring clinical research to people in Yorkshire to reduce incidence, cancer deaths and years lost to cancer.</p>	<p>2. Research-Backed Services</p>  <p>Deliver our own evidence-based services to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.</p>	<p>3. Research-Active Region</p>  <p>Work with Yorkshire hospitals and universities to grow cancer research talent and capacity for the benefit of everyone in the region.</p>
<p>4. For Everyone</p>  <p>Reduce health inequalities so people in Yorkshire receive the best cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment – whoever they are, wherever they live.</p>	<p>5. Shaped by People</p>  <p>People affected by cancer shape our work.</p>	

Yorkshire's cancer charity

Funding from Yorkshire Cancer Research helps bring life saving research to Yorkshire, helping more people survive cancer.

£75.3m
funding

Yorkshire Cancer Research is currently funding **£75.3 million** of cancer research and services. The charity funds **59 pioneering programmes**, including **26 clinical trials**.

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people can take part

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750 researchers and cancer experts are working with Yorkshire Cancer Research, bringing vital expertise and knowledge to our region.

639
people shape our work

639 people affected by cancer and members of the public are shaping our work. Making sure it's relevant and has a real impact on lives in Yorkshire.

Screening for early signs of cancer

Late diagnosis is a problem in Yorkshire as 1 in 2 cancers are diagnosed at a late stage.

Vital screening programmes and research trials funded by the charity detect cancer at the earliest possible opportunity, when it's often easier to treat. These screenings give people the chance to find out if they're at risk of cancer, connecting them with vital services if signs of cancer are found.

64,478

cancer screenings

Thanks to funding from Yorkshire Cancer Research, **64,478 additional cancer screenings** have been made possible.

21,783

lung cancer screenings

Of the 64,478 cancer screenings, **21,783 lung cancer screenings** have been funded by the charity.

Lung cancer is one of the most common cancers in Yorkshire.

Approximately **4,300 people** are diagnosed with lung cancer every year across the region, with those living in deprived communities most at risk.

The Leeds Lung Health Check, funded by Yorkshire Cancer Research, contributed to a major decision by the Government to roll lung cancer screening out across the whole of England.

As of January 2025...

1million

lung health checks

More than **1 million people** across England had taken up their invitation to a lung health check.

6,200

people

Screening has diagnosed **6,200 people** across England with lung cancer.

Saving lives in Yorkshire, and beyond

First developed with funding from Yorkshire Cancer Research in 2005 at The University of Sheffield, Lynparza was the world's first PARP inhibitor - a type of drug that kills cancer cells.



This important breakthrough, discovered in Yorkshire, has been used to help treat **140,000 people** with certain ovarian, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancers since it was discovered, saving an estimated **5,800 lives**.

140,000

people across the world have been treated with Lynparza



Leading the way on exercise and cancer

2,267 people have taken part in a cancer exercise treatment programme, helping them prepare for, and recover from, cancer treatment.

One of these programmes, **Active Together**, is being rolled out across Yorkshire to help people prepare for and recover from treatment.

Findings from the first two years of **Active Together Sheffield** showed that people who took part in the programme were more likely to survive at least one year after diagnosis, with an overall 10% higher survival rate compared to those who did not.



1,935

people have taken part in this pioneering cancer exercise programme

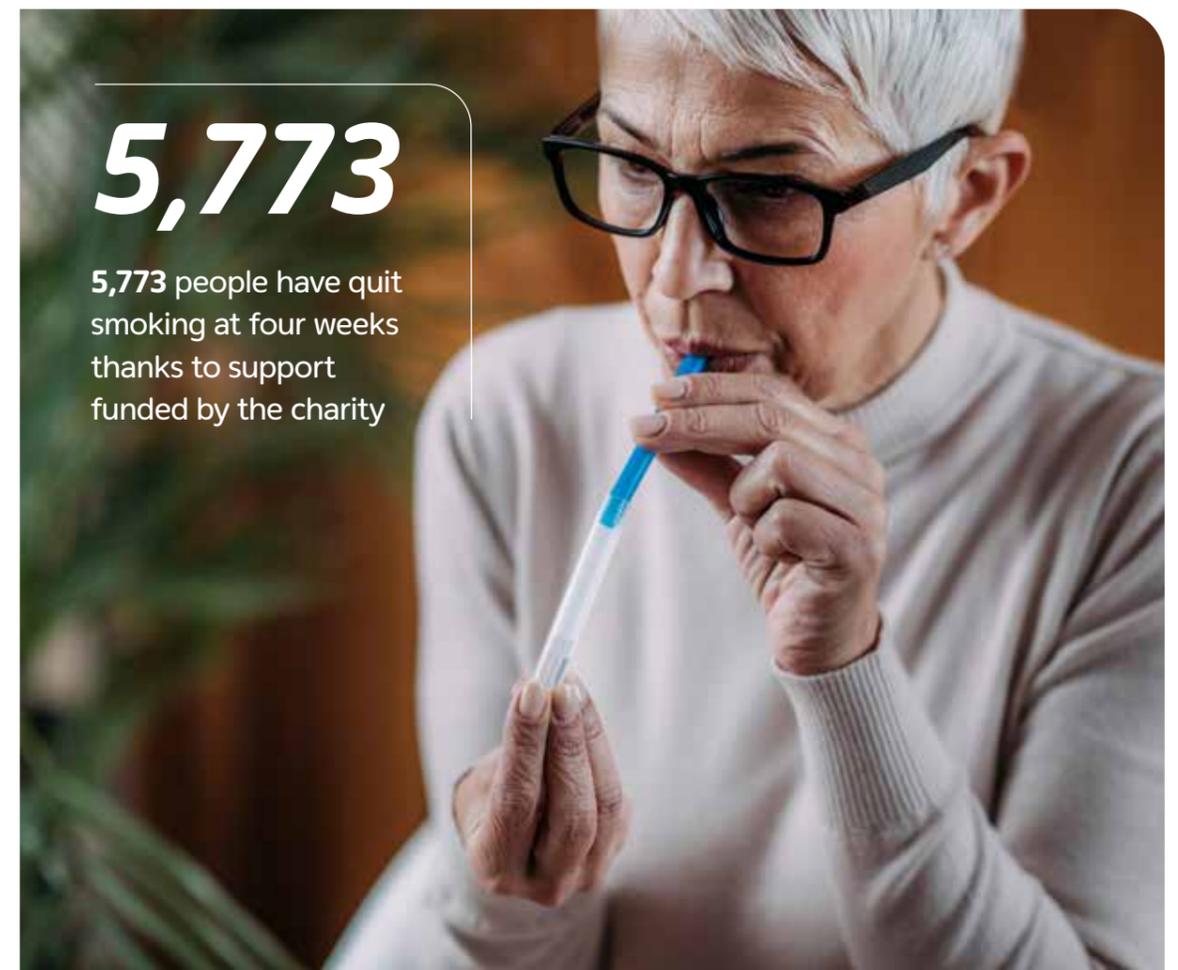
Helping Yorkshire to be smokefree

5,773 people have quit smoking* thanks to support funded by the charity.

This highlights the impact services funded by Yorkshire Cancer Research can have - helping people not only reduce their risk of cancer, but also reduce the impact on our health services.

QUIT programme

The charity's funding for the QUIT programme, a hospital-based stop smoking service covering South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, delivered more than **2,500 quits*** to April 2024. Since then, the service has been adopted by the NHS and has generated an additional **1,500 quits**.



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* Based on four-week quit data.

The charity's *impact at a glance*

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