

## Changing the future for women today and tomorrow.



There is still a long way to go. But we know that with your help we can make the urgent changes that are so desperately needed - in order for every woman to have the best possible chance of survival.

With you on our side, we're focused on supercharging improvements in three key areas:

### Knowledge

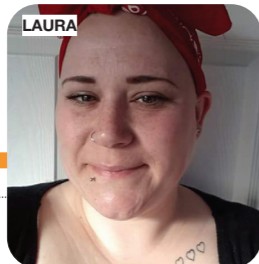
Saving more lives by preventing ovarian cancer in those at highest risk and diagnosing ovarian cancer as early as possible.

Over 1,000 cases of ovarian cancer a year are preventable. It's crucial that we reach more women with vital information at the right time to help ensure that women at risk of hereditary cancer have the right expert information.

With your support, we're determined to give women with ovarian cancer a voice, to dramatically raise the disease's profile, push it up the agenda and empower people with knowledge that could save their lives. By continuing to have conversations with women about ovarian cancer, we learn more.

**"Had I known the symptoms of ovarian cancer I might not have left it so long before going to A&E. I had backache, fatigue, bowel changes, abdominal pain and bloating, which are all symptoms of ovarian cancer."**

Laura, who has stage 3c ovarian cancer



**"With you on our side, we will ensure ovarian cancer is no longer overlooked, giving women a voice and empowering them with the knowledge that could save their lives."**

Cary Wakefield, Chief Executive

**A woman in the UK dies from ovarian cancer every two hours**

**Only 1 in 10 women know the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer**

### Fairness

Ensuring that all women have the best chance of survival irrespective of their age, ethnicity or where they live.

There is still a massive disparity across the UK for women, whether they are trying to understand their symptoms, get diagnosed or access care, surgery and treatment options. Age, ethnicity and postcode determine the level of support you receive, this isn't good enough.

So equality for women will be at the heart of our work to ensure all women with ovarian cancer, across all four nations of the UK, get the care they need, wherever they live.

**"She'd seen her GP who had told her there was nothing to worry about; she was just getting old. He didn't even examine Mum. We later found out she had Stage 4 ovarian cancer."**

Debra, whose mum Elizabeth died just 10 months after diagnosis



### Breakthroughs

Developing ground-breaking new treatments to give women with ovarian cancer the best chance of survival.

Your donations are amazing because they fund scientific breakthroughs. And scientific breakthroughs save lives.

Since our inception in 2006, your generosity has been a major part of us being the largest expert funder of ovarian cancer research in the UK. Although this is an incredible achievement, ovarian cancer research funding from UK investors has dropped by a staggering 14% compared to all other common cancers. It's clear we need to make a step change and shine a spotlight on the impact of this terrible disease.

Moving forward, as well as investing in the transformational work of the Ovarian Cancer Action Research Centre in Hammersmith, we'll develop deeper partnerships across the UK, promote international collaboration, and look at promising new areas such as bioscience.

We're determined to accelerate our understanding of this disease together and we'll continue to keep women at the heart of everything we do - working with them to adapt and find new ways to fund the very best research designed to save lives.



**"My main hope is that a screening programme is set up for ovarian cancer, like there is for breast cancer - and that research makes early detection and treatment a possibility."**

Christine was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer, aged 61



**Survival rates for ovarian cancer are the same as for breast cancer in the 1970s**



## Continuing to tackle the big questions in research.

Thanks to your support we have launched four new clinical studies at the Ovarian Cancer Research Centre, to help us find vital new treatments that will improve survival rates. Here's a sneak preview of what you can expect to hear about this year:

**Project 1: How can we stop ovarian cancer from returning after surgery and chemotherapy?**  
We're exploring how tumours affect treatment, resistance to chemotherapy and the likelihood of the cancer returning.

**Project 3: What genes are responsible for resistance to chemotherapy in ovarian cancer?**  
Understanding this will enable us to better control cancer's resistance to drugs during treatment.

**Project 2: How can we ensure patients are given the right treatment for their cancer?**  
We're aiming to find ways to strengthen treatment by combining PARP inhibitors, an effective treatment for ovarian cancer, alongside other drugs.

**Project 4: How do we prevent cancer from developing resistance?**  
Evaluating how we can limit the spread of the cancer using three potential drugs - with a hope to develop at least one new drug into a clinical trial.

Did you know we work with partners to continuously fight for improvement of the lives of women with ovarian cancer?

Joined the 'One Cancer Voice' campaign to hold the Government to account on its commitment to clear the patient backlog made worse by the pandemic.

Added our voice to support the Menopause Support and Services Bill, a massive step forward for women with a high genetic risk of ovarian cancer.

Became a member of the National Cancer Research Institute, funding more scientific breakthroughs and life-saving research.