How can you make a difference

£5 Provides a pack for newly diagnosed patients which includes informative videos and a guide to life with Neuroendocrine Cancer.

£250 Provides support towards vital scientific and clinical research projects that will help us better understand the causes of Neuroendocrine Cancer.

£20 Will help us to hold one of our local NET Natter support groups.

£50 Provides one hour of specialist nurse support and information through our helpline or online.

£1000 Allows us to hold a patient education event which helps, not only patients and their loved ones, understand their disease, but encourages greater understanding of the impact and effect of diagnosis for those providing clinical care.

£100 Helps us to distribute our information about Neuroendocrine Cancer to over 100 NHS hospitals across the UK.

How can you support the NET Patient Foundation?

There are so many ways that you can support NPF from getting involved in an awareness raising campaign, holding your own fundraising event, setting up a regular donation or leaving a legacy gift. We rely on the generosity and kindness of people like you to continue supporting the Neuroendocrine Cancer community. Any donation we receive, big or small, helps us get one step closer to reaching our vision of a world in which people know how to recognise, diagnose, treat, care for and, ultimately, cure patients with Neuroendocrine Cancer.

NET Patient Foundation is proud to be a part of the International Neuroendocrine Cancer Community:
- International Neuroendocrine Cancer Alliance (INCA)
- UK and Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (UKINETS)
- European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS)
- European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- UK Oncology Nursing Group (UKONS)
- European Society of Endocrinology (ESE)
- British Psychosocial Oncology Society (BPOS)

To make a one-off or monthly donation or to get more information about how you can help please visit www.netpatientfoundation.org, call us 01926 883487 or email hello@netpatientfoundation.org

Sending a cheque?
Please make payable to ‘NET Patient Foundation” and post to:
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Holly House (2nd floor)
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Leamington Spa
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Thank you
**What is Neuroendocrine Cancer**

Neuroendocrine Cancer is a term used to cover a group of cancers that start in neuroendocrine cells. These cancers may also be referred to as NETs (Neuroendocrine Tumours), NECs (Neuroendocrine Carcinomas), NETs (Neuroendocrine Neoplasms) or even Carcinoids.

Neuroendocrine cells are found all over the body. They are responsible for helping to keep the body working healthily, for example they help regulate breathing and they help to produce hormones which help breakdown food.

Neuroendocrine Cancer occurs when neuroendocrine cells stop working normally and start to grow or behave abnormally. However, not all abnormal growths from neuroendocrine cells are cancerous as some are benign (non-cancerous).

Neuroendocrine Cancer can affect people of any age and gender and can grow in many places throughout the body.

**Examples of primary sites**

- Pancreas
- Lungs
- Liver
- Adrenal glands
- Stomach
- Skin
- Rectum
- Parathyroid Glands x4
- Thyroid
- Parathyroid Glands x4
- Skin
- Liver
- Adrenal glands
- Stomach
- Skin
- Rectum

In the UK more than 40,000 people are currently living with Neuroendocrine Cancer, with over 5,000 people being newly diagnosed each year.

**NET Patient Foundation**

NET Patient Foundation (NPF) is a UK wide charity solely dedicated to providing support and information to those affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.

Our mission is to support and inform patients and families from diagnosis, enabling access to the best care and treatment, whilst stimulating Neuroendocrine Cancer research, increasing national awareness and influencing improvements in outcomes.

**How do we help**

A diagnosis of cancer is one of the greatest challenges anyone can face. Being diagnosed with an uncommon cancer can have additional challenges, with many patients experiencing feelings of isolation, fear, anxiety and uncertainty about the future. The NET Patient Foundation exists to support patients and their loved ones with the physical and psychological impact of Neuroendocrine Cancer. From diagnosis, through treatment and beyond, our team and services are here to offer guidance, support, education and information to anyone affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.

We are here every step of the way - whether it's over the phone, online or a chat in person.

**I co-founded the NET Patient Foundation in 2006 whilst working as a Neuroendocrine Cancer Nurse. I was receiving desperate calls from patients about the lack of information, isolation and fear they were experiencing. I knew that something had to be done to address this terrible unmet need that I was witnessing across the UK.**

Catherine Bouvier, NPF Chief Executive

**Our services**

Our services are structured around our five pillars of activity - support, advocacy, education, awareness and research.

**Support**

**Helpline:**

Our free, confidential helpline is for anyone who has questions about Neuroendocrine Cancer. Calls are answered by one of our NPF nurses or an experienced member of staff.

**Office Hours:**

9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday

**0800 434 6476**

**NET Natter Groups:**

NET Natter meetings are local support groups which offer the opportunity to speak to others who are affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.

**Facebook Groups:**

Our private Facebook groups are here to connect the Neuroendocrine Cancer community by providing a space to ask questions and gain support from others affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.

**Counselling:**

Our counselling service is here to support those affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer including family, friends and loved ones. We have a limited counselling service that has been funded by generous donations.

**Advocacy**

We work to ensure the voice of those with Neuroendocrine Cancer is heard. We contribute to national health and cancer strategy initiatives to represent the Neuroendocrine Cancer community, highlighting the specific concerns and issues relevant to those affected by this uncommon cancer.

**Research**

We fund:

- Nurse and dietetic research
- Multi disciplinary treatment and research
- Research into patient focused issues related to Neuroendocrine Cancer
- Quality of life research
- Oncology support
- Epidemiology research

**Information Guides and Videos:**

Our resources provide clear, accurate, reliable information about Neuroendocrine Cancer. All resources are developed in collaboration with and reviewed and endorsed by patient representatives and expert clinicians.

**Awareness**

We are committed to raising awareness of Neuroendocrine Cancer through local and national campaigns, working with the media and reaching a global audience on World Neuroendocrine Cancer Day on November 10th.

**Education**

**Patient Education Events:**

We hold patient education events across the UK which are open to anyone affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.

These events include talks from Neuroendocrine Cancer specialists, Q&A sessions and provide an opportunity for patients to meet others in a similar situation.

Like most people, I had never heard of this particular cancer and all I remember was how very isolated I felt. Everyone was very sympathetic but they didn’t understand what it meant, how could they, even I didn’t understand… and it was happening to me!

Sharon Angus, NET Patient