

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Teenage Cancer Trust, a national charity dedicated to supporting young people between the ages of 13 and 24 who are battling cancer. I am reaching out today to ask for your support in ensuring that young people in Welsh communities receive the care, guidance, and support they need during what is undoubtedly one of the most challenging times in their lives.

Teenage Cancer Trust operates a specialist unit at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, which provides age-appropriate care for young people fighting cancer. This unit is an essential lifeline for those facing cancer treatment, offering a space that is both clinically advanced and emotionally supportive. Alongside the unit, we also offer outreach services that extend across the local community, providing invaluable support to young people wherever they may be receiving treatment.

Why Your Support is Critical: Each year, approximately 2,200 young people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK, with many of those cases affecting young people in Wales. These young people face unique challenges that are distinct from both childhood and adult cancer patients, and they require specialized care to help them through their treatment journey. By supporting Teenage Cancer Trust, you would be helping to ensure that these young people don't face cancer alone.

A Patient's Perspective: "Cancer doesn't just affect your body—it affects every part of your life, your relationships, your future. When I was diagnosed at 19, Teenage Cancer Trust gave me a place to go where I could be around people who understood. The Cardiff unit felt like a second home. It wasn't just about the treatment; it was about feeling supported, hearing other people's stories, and knowing I wasn't alone. I truly believe it made a difference to my recovery."

— Ryan, Teenage Cancer Trust Patient

How the Town Council Can Support Teenage Cancer Trust: We believe that the local government and community leaders like yourself can make a powerful impact on the future of young people facing cancer. There are several ways the Town Council can partner with Teenage Cancer Trust to make a difference:

1. **Promoting our services:** Spreading the word about Teenage Cancer Trust will help raise awareness about the services available to young people in Cardiff. By spreading the word, you can ensure that no young person facing cancer feels isolated or unsure where to turn.
2. **Fundraising and Donations:** We rely on donations to provide vital services, and Mayors and the Town Council's support in securing local funding, partnerships or donations would go a long way in keeping the Cardiff unit and outreach services across Wales available for young people in need. Maybe you could consider us for an end of financial year donation through your slush fund.
3. **Community Fundraising Initiatives:** Whether through organizing or promoting fundraising events, or encouraging local businesses and schools to get involved, your active participation can help generate much-needed funds to continue our work in the region.
4. **Collaboration on Local Events and Initiatives:** By collaborating with us on public events, you can bring the community together in support of young people facing cancer, making a tangible impact on their lives.

Teenage Cancer Trust is committed to ensuring that young people across Wales can receive the specialist care they need to not just survive cancer but thrive beyond it. We would be

honoured to work with you to continue providing these services and to create an even stronger network of support in Wales.

Thank you for considering this important request. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can partner with the Town Council and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

