Our Services

What you should know

Marie Keating

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Making cancer less frightening by enlightening

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Marie Keating FOUNDATION | We are with you. Every step.

We provide a wide variety of services to help provide support, information and advice to people at every step of their cancer journey. Our services focus on cancer awareness, prevention, education, survivorship and living with or beyond cancer.

Mobile Nursing Outreach Service

Staffed by a specialist Marie Keating Foundation nurse, the mobile information units visit community groups, workplaces, organisations, and public places to bring cancer information straight into the heart of communities nationwide. We are available to provide information, signposting and support in remote places where communities may be underserved. We are here to help.

The mobile information units are stocked with take-home information leaflets on the various cancer types. You also have the opportunity to speak in private with a highly qualified community information nurse about cancer prevention or specific cancer related questions regarding yourself or your loved ones.

For more information on our units and to book a visit, scan here.

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School Cancer Awareness Programme

The Marie Keating Foundation Schools Cancer Awareness Programme aims to educate secondary school students and adult learners about their risk of cancer and how to spot the signs and symptoms early. The programme makes cancer 'less frightening by enlightening,' by engaging students with age-appropriate, interactive, and informative material.

Scan here for more information on our school talks.

Comfort Fund

A cancer diagnosis can place a huge strain on the person diagnosed physically, emotionally and financially. The Marie Keating Foundation hopes to lessen the financial burden associated with a cancer diagnosis and has been doing this through its comfort fund service since 2004. Each year, a limited budget is allocated to the service. Each application is assessed on an individual basis. It takes a minimum of 21 days to process an application and occasionally it may take longer. An online application must be completed and signed by a Health Care Professional (HCP) on behalf of a patient. The HCP must be directly involved in the patient's care. Patient queries regarding an application must go directly through their HCP and not to the Marie Keating Foundation. An application submitted by anyone other than a patient's HCP will be rejected.

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Corporate Wellness Programme (Workshops and Webinars)

The Marie Keating Foundation's Corporate Wellness Programme provides the opportunity to large and small corporate organisations to educate their staff on cancer prevention or provide information on the signs and symptoms of the most common cancer types. A highly qualified community information nurse facilitates this service. You have the option to choose from the selection of workshops provided, or you may wish to opt for a bespoke workshop that meets the needs of your organisation. This service can be provided via onsite workshops, web-based workshops, or a combination of both.

Scan here for more information.

Survive and Thrive Programmes

Our Survive and Thrive programmes and seminars have been running since 2014 and were created to help men and women who have completed their cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal' and learn how to live their best lives despite cancer. Our meetings include information and support from nurses as well as peer to peer advice from cancer survivors who are all trained facilitators on the programme. Topics include a range of issues cancer survivors often face such as fatigue, nutrition and fear of recurrence.

Survive and Thrive programmes are run both in person and online and they are free to attend.

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Positive Living Meetings

Being diagnosed with a metastatic cancer can be a lonely and isolating time filled with complicated emotions and unanswered questions. To support those diagnosed with stage four breast cancer and all other types of secondary, advanced or metastatic cancers, we are facilitating monthly programmes online and in person to meet some of their specific needs. A special community who has their own set of emotional, physical, and practical needs separate to other cancer patients. This programme is led by local experts that provide resources and support to group members and their families.

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BRCA Services

For people diagnosed with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene alteration, it can be difficult to find support and advice from people that understand the journey you are undertaking. The Marie Keating Foundation provides a host of free services for people with a BRCA alteration which include the following:

- Host a BRCA conference annually.
- A dedicated BRCA section on our website.

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- Peer to Peer (P2P) Support Volunteer service to provide some initial support to those who test positive for the BRCA 1 or 2 gene alteration. If you would like to speak with one of our BRCA Peer Support volunteers, please submit a form here.

BRCA Support page.

- Six free online support meetings each year, with external expert speakers invited to two.
- A BRCA WhatsApp group which is self-administered but overseen by the manager of our BRCA services.

HSE For Survivors by Survivors

HSE For Survivors by Survivors is a pilot programme. It provides a one-to-one listening, befriending and signposting service offered by Health Service Staff to Health Service Staff, both of whom have direct experience of cancer, with the purpose of supporting colleagues during diagnosis, treatment, returning to work, and in dealing with ongoing challenges in the workplace as a result of a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

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Marie Keating Foundation 'Talks Cancer' Podcast

Talking about cancer isn't easy but the Marie Keating Foundation's mission is to 'make cancer less frightening by enlightening' and opening conversations is a great way to do just that.

With our host Director of Nursing, Helen Forristal, we will explore the ins and outs of some of Ireland's most common cancers, how they impact our lives and how we can do our best to prevent them. All available episodes of the Marie Keating Foundation 'Talks Cancer' podcast can be found here.

Listen here.

Marie Keating Foundation Publications

The Marie Keating Foundation has a number of free leaflets, booklets and information materials on the most common cancers that affect both men and women in Ireland.

Scan here to download these.

Marie Keating Foundation Events

We host a number of support groups, seminars and events throughout the year. To learn more about our upcoming events please visit mariekeating.ie.

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About the Marie Keating Foundation

Following their mother Marie's death from breast cancer in 1998, the Keating family promised to provide the people of Ireland with vital information, advice and support on the signs and symptoms of cancer and help to prevent cancer or detect it at its earliest stages. The Marie Keating Foundation was established in her memory and with this central ambition in mind.

The Foundation's mission is to make cancer less frightening by enlightening and our aim is to live in a world free from the fear of cancer.

Today, the Marie Keating Foundation is one of the leading voices in Ireland for cancer prevention, awareness, and support. We are committed to being there for people diagnosed with cancer and their families at every step of their cancer journey, and our services reflect that. Through our information and support services, we reach thousands of people a year, giving education, information and advice focused on cancer prevention and early detection, as well as providing support services and financial assistance to those living with and beyond cancer.

For more information on Ireland's most common cancers or to engage with our support services visit www.mariekeating.ie.

The Marie Keating Foundation has best-of-class corporate governance structures having continuously achieved the 'Triple Lock' standard for best practice governance in the charity sector and were awarded the Good Governance award in 2021.

"On February 2nd, 1998, our mother Marie died from breast cancer. At the time and all through her illness, we could do nothing to help our Mother who had, all our lives, done everything for us. We, the Keating family, have set up this charity in her name to try to help and prevent others going through what Mam went through and what we are still going through to this day. This is also to show that such a wonderful mother and person did not die in vain."

Take care,

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