



Community Cancer Services

Providing guidance and support for people in Rhondda and Taff Ely



Visit to Community Cancer Services in April 2006 by Dr Brian Gibbons
The Welsh Assembly Minister for Health and Social Welfare



The opening of Community Cancer Services' centre in Tonypanydy by
playwright Frank Vickery in January 2005

The Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation is the lead agency in **Community Cancer Services**, a £440,000 project based at Tonypanydy in the South Wales Valleys.

Community Cancer Services exists to provide support to people in the Rhondda and Taff Ely areas who are experiencing Cancer, as well as to provide support to the friends and family of those experiencing cancer.

Statistics published by the Wales Cancer Intelligence Unit show that in 2002, a total of 1872 people living within the Rhondda Cynon Taff area experienced cancer. Cancer Research UK suggests that 1 in 3 people will experience cancer in their lifetimes. As the population of the Rhondda and Taff Ely areas is approximately 180,000 this means that some 60,000 local people will experience cancer at some point in their lives.

From its Centre in Tonypanydy, **Community Cancer Service** provides a wide range of services free of charge to local people including

- ◆ **A transport service** - to take people from their homes, to hospital appointments, or to the centre.
- ◆ **Complementary therapies** - Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Reiki, Indian Head Massage - for relaxation.
- ◆ **Counselling** - to explore issues around cancer.
- ◆ **Drop-in Centre** - for people to have peer support and to socialise.
- ◆ **A bereavement and loss group.**
- ◆ **Legal advice.**
- ◆ **Information Services**



Reflexology, one of the complementary therapies
provided by Community Cancer Services



A Counselling session at the Tonypanydy centre

In addition to the services provided at its Centre, **Community Cancer Services** also provides outreach counselling and therapy services in Maerdy and Blaenrhondda and has plans to expand these services into other local communities.



Volunteer Award

Community Cancer Services is reliant upon the work carried out by its volunteers. The work which they carry out was recently recognised at the Annual Rhondda Cynon Taf/Interlink Volunteering Awards Dinner where four volunteers received The Award for Dedication and Commitment in Volunteering in the Health and Social Care Section on behalf of all the Community Cancer Services volunteers.

The award, an engraved slate plaque, was presented to the volunteers by Dr Kim Howells MP and Radio Wales presenter Peter Johnson. Community Cancer Services Volunteers and staff are pictured opposite with the award.

What do people say about Community Cancer Services?

We are currently providing a range of supportive services to well over three hundred people in the Rhondda and Taff Ely areas whose lives have been affected by cancer. Below are just a few of the comments we've received from people who have used our services.

"Your services are a Godsend to people who would have difficulty in coping with the stress of meeting the demand of travelling to and from the hospital."

"My peace of mind is returning, my confidence is improving daily and I am now looking forward to the future with a positive attitude due, I am sure, in no small way to the influence of the staff and facilities afforded by Community Cancer Services."

"The day I contacted Community Cancer Services turned out to be a 'red letter day' in more ways than one as it has not only given me help and support, but has also helped my carer."

Contact us.....

If you feel that you would like support with issues surrounding cancer, or if you would like to support the work that we do, please get in touch with us at our centre in Tonypany which is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

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