



## SUPPORT GROUP AWARDS 2021 APPLICATION FORM

The annual Support Group Awards reward the incredible work carried out by cancer support groups across the UK. The awards recognise the support group leaders and healthcare professionals, who give up their spare time to support and work closely with people affected by mouth, head and neck cancers.

Support groups have become a place of solitude for mouth cancer survivors. It is a place where they can share their experiences, and ask questions in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It is also a place where carers, relatives and friends can go for help and advice. The Mouth Cancer Foundation recognises the impact that they have and how they can help improve a patient's quality of life.

The Mouth Cancer Foundation Support Group Awards 2021 are open to all support groups or projects that are dedicated to supporting people solely affected by head and neck cancers. The awards highlight that local accessible support has a positive impact on the quality of life of patients, families and their carers.

Mouth Cancer Foundation Support Group Grants:

- Gold Support Award £2000
- Silver Support Award £1000
- Bronze Support Award £500

**Please submit completed application by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Winners of the Support Group Awards will be announced in June 2021**

The Mouth Cancer Foundation will look for evidence of work that:

- Improves support services to head and neck cancer patients
- Offers opportunities to share experiences
- Can be replicated across the UK

If you have any questions about the Mouth Cancer Foundation Support Group Awards, please contact the Mouth Cancer Foundation on 020 8940 5680 or via [info@mouthcancerfoundation.org](mailto:info@mouthcancerfoundation.org)

<b>Mouth Cancer Support Groups Awards Application Form</b>	
Name of support group or project	
Number of members or regular attendees	
Website <i>(If applicable)</i>	
Date the group or project was established	
Type of Organisation	
How often does your Support Group meet?	
Charity number <i>(If applicable)</i>	
Name of the support group leader	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

### Terms and Conditions

The Mouth Cancer Foundation may photograph and film the shortlisted projects for public viewing on the charity's website. Photographs, press publications and filming are for the purposes of promotion and education only. Please note that any personal information will be processed by the Mouth Cancer Foundation in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Entrants agree to the following of any prize money awarded:

- Prize money must be used to enhance existing support or to develop a new service or project to benefit people affected about head and neck cancers
- Prize money must not be used for existing staff costs or to pay existing debt and must be used by the end of the calendar year 2021.

Please note that the decision to award money to a winning support group or project is final. Prize money will be given in a one off payment. A panel of judges will make the final decision based on the completed application form. Please note we may take references as part of the application process. The Mouth Cancer Foundation Support Group Awards are not linked in any way to any other grants or programmes run by the Mouth Cancer Foundation.

Should you have any concerns about giving consent, please contact the Mouth Cancer Foundation on 020 8940 5680 or via [info@mouthcancerfoundation.org](mailto:info@mouthcancerfoundation.org).

I acknowledge the terms and conditions outlined and confirm that I will inform all participants being filmed about the purpose of the film and how the film will be used. I will procure written consent from those persons to be filmed including parents/guardians who have legal/parental responsibility for children under 18 years of age. The Mouth Cancer Foundation will supply the necessary consent forms if a project is shortlisted. Please note that filming will not take place until the Mouth Cancer Foundation has received all required consents.

Signature

Print name

Date

Please answer the following questions and return your application form to the Mouth Cancer Foundation by **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**.

**1. How do patients get involved in your support group?**

Are they referred by hospitals or local dentists? Is your support group advertised online anywhere? Do you offer support for relatives and carers or health professionals as well as patients? How do you encourage participation of members in the group or to be involved in running projects etc

**2. Describe your group's activities and services.**

Please give a summary of the head and neck cancer support group or projects with examples of the types of work carried out and the activities undertaken. The Mouth Cancer Foundation would like to know what you feel is special, unique or innovative about your project and why it is a good candidate for these awards.

**3. If your support group was awarded a grant, how would the money be spent?**

What activities, services, projects or initiative would your Support Group carry out and how would these positively impact your participants quality of life?

**4. Please ask a participant from your Support Group to provide a short statement on how your group has positively impacted them.**  
This can be from a patient, medical professional, family member or anyone who has used and benefitted from your Support Group's services.

**5. How did you hear about the Mouth Cancer Foundation Support Group Awards?**

- a) [www.mouthcancerfoundation.org](http://www.mouthcancerfoundation.org)
- b) Mouth Cancer Foundation newsletter
- c) Social Media
- d) Search engine
- e) Hospital advertising
- f) Professional Healthcare Publications
- g) Professional Healthcare Associations
- h) Other \_\_\_\_\_