

Websites of interest for young people going through a cancer journey

Please note that the information in these websites is the responsibility of each organisation / person, and may vary to New Zealand.

- www.canteen.org.nz
- www.canteen.org.au
- www.click4tic.org.uk
- www.teenslivingwithcancer.org
- www.cancerbackup.org
- www.re-mission.net/
- www.tyac.org.uk/
- www.aftercure.org/

Contact

The Midland AYA Key Worker can be contacted Monday – Friday 8am – 4:30pm

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or

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(07) 839 8899 extension: 95643

AYA

Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Services

Midland Region



Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Service – Midland Region

Here to help improve outcomes for young people aged between 12 and 24 in New Zealand with cancer. The Service has been supporting young people since 2007.

This is done by helping to co-ordinate your cancer care with all those health professionals required to assist you and your family/whānau throughout your treatment. The Service is here to help you understand the treatment path and to educate and support you.

The AYA Key Worker is based at Waikato Regional Cancer Centre, Waikato Hospital, Hamilton.

The Key Worker supports young people diagnosed with cancer in the - Waikato, Lakes, Bay of Plenty and Tairāwhiti District Health Board (DHB) areas.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE

The (AYA) Cancer Service

- Works with you, your family/whānau and your medical team/s to help **co-ordinate the care you need** while on treatment and after treatment.
- Provides **emotional support** for you, your family/whānau and friends to deal with a cancer diagnosis, treatment and life after cancer. If needed and with your permission, a referral to a specialist for more skills and tools can be made.
- Looks at how we can help you and your family/whānau with any **education, work, accommodation, travel, financial concerns** you may face during your treatment.
- Will tell you about the **support services** available to you and your family/whānau in your area and with your permission will link you in with them.
- **Advocates** for you by helping you figure out the hospital system and understand your treatment.
- Can also **build up** your communication skills when talking to your medical team, family/whānau, friends and other services about your needs and concerns.
- Can be your first **'point of contact'** when you need things done i.e. check appointment dates, need questions answered.
- Supports you when **you're in and outside** the hospital.
- Can provide you with **fun stuff** if you have to come and stay at Waikato Hospital (courtesy of donations and CanTeen – if you become a member).
- **Supports and works** with you and your family/whānau with any end of life matters, if this is needed.
- Key Worker is here to point you in the **right direction** so you get the **right information** at the **right time**, as there is heaps of info to take in and services out there to help you!

