

Cancers affecting the brain and communication

This brief factsheet highlights some of the main impacts cancers affecting the brain may have on communication.

It identifies practical action you can take to remove barriers to participation that people with cancers affecting the brain may face. Remember every person is different.

Cancer that affects the brain can impact on a person's understanding and speech.

It is not always easy for the person to:

- follow what someone says or has written
- remember things
- concentrate for more than a short period.

When expressing their views it may not always be easy to:

- find the right words
- use complex sentences
- remember what they are talking about
- express or control their emotions.

Key actions

To enable a person with a cancer affecting the brain to engage more fully, make sure you have supplied:

- a safe and comfortable environment in which to work
- sufficient time to have their say and to read information
- spoken and written materials available in a clear and accessible form.

Further information:

Macmillan Cancer Support Scotland (www.macmillan.org.uk)