Thank you for signing up to Step Up for Blood Cancer UK.

Here is a news release template for you, just copy and paste the text into a new document and add in your story. Next, send this to your local news outlet to talk about why you’re taking part in Step Up for Blood Cancer UK. The outlet could be a local paper, magazine, or even a local radio station.

If you have any queries on how to fill in the template, or who to send it to once completed, please contact Ed on epinches@bloodcancer.org.uk

**TEMPLATE**

**On behalf of Blood Cancer UK**
**NEWS**
**For Immediate Release**
**[Pronoun/Name] from [local area] is walking 280,000 steps in May for the 280,000 people living with blood cancer in the UK.**

[Name], from [location] is taking part in Step Up for Blood Cancer UK.

[Name, has/had] a [family member/friend/ loved one] who [has been affected/diagnosed/had/died/ in remission] [with/from] [a blood cancer/type of blood cancer].

Over 280,000 people are living with or in remission from blood cancer in the UK.

[Include a few details of your story, what is/was the person with blood cancer like/ what is the connection to the local area etc]

While research has already had a massive impact in some forms of blood cancer, treatments don’t work for everyone.

[Name, from X] said:
“I’m taking part in this challenge and supporting the work of Blood Cancer UK because [personal take on why you’re fundraising/and your hopes for why life-saving medical research will bring about a future cure.]

“Please support Step Up for Blood Cancer challenge – we’re aiming to raise **[£X/as much as possible]** with the money going directly to Blood Cancer UK.”

Matthew White, Director of Engagement for Blood Cancer UK said:
“Taking part in Step Up for Blood Cancer UK will help raise vital money to fund life-changing research and provide free support for anyone worried about or living with blood cancer.

“There will be hundreds of people across the country completing their steps this May to fund vital blood cancer research. Walk your way – hit 9,000 steps a day or take on longer weekend walks with friends and family. Join as a team or go solo. However you move, you’ll be part of something bigger. Step Up is free to enter and our fundraising team at Blood Cancer UK will make sure you have everything you need to take part.

“Blood cancer is the fifth most common cancer, with over 280,000 people living with or in remission with blood cancer in the UK. Every pound raised helps to fund life-changing blood cancer research. Together, we can take a step towards change.”

To sponsor [name]visit (Justgiving page) to make a difference for people affected by blood cancer. **ENDS

For further information about Blood Cancer UK, or Step Up, contact Ed Pinches, Media Relations Manager on** **press@bloodcancer.org.uk** **or on +44 20 7504 2289**
 **Notes to editors**

Blood Cancer UK’s free support line, for anyone worried about blood cancer, can be reached on 0808 2080 888. Opening hours and more information can be found here: <https://bloodcancer.org.uk/support-for-you/talk-blood-cancer/>

**About Step Up**

When: 1st – 31st May 2025
Walk 280,000 steps in May for the 280,000 people living with or in remission from blood cancer in the UK. That’s 9,000 steps a day on average.
It’s free to sign up - you can sign up for free at: www.stepup.bloodcancer.org.uk
**About Blood Cancer UK**

Blood Cancer UK have invested £500 million in research in blood cancer since 1960

Blood Cancer UK recently announced funding 8 new research projects across many different types of blood cancer including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, taking the total to 87 research projects across the UK.

To keep up-to-date with all the latest blood cancer news, go to <https://bloodcancer.org.uk/news/> and find us on social media.

For free and confidential support, and information on blood cancer and life after a diagnosis, call us on 0808 2080 888 or email us at support@bloodcancer.org.uk

Join our online forum and talk to others affected by blood cancer at [forum.bloodcancer.org](https://forum.bloodcancer.org.uk/).