



MOONDANCE
CANCER INITIATIVE

TOWARDS **ZERO DEATHS** FROM **BOWEL CANCER** IN WALES

Executive Summary **Crynodeb Gweithredol**

Case for Change / Dadl dros Newid

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Executive Summary: Case for Change

Every year in Wales, over 900 people die from bowel cancer. This number is increasing, and so are the inequalities in care. In 2021, the most deprived parts of our population were over 80% more likely to die from bowel cancer than our least deprived.

Despite this, Bowel Cancer remains one of the most treatable of cancers, with effective opportunities at several points to save lives. Working with patients, clinicians and others we have set out a plan to begin moving Wales *Towards Zero Deaths from Bowel Cancer*.

From prevention to early detection & diagnosis, through to treatment, we show how the 2,300 people diagnosed with bowel cancer in Wales annually can have the best chance to survive and thrive. Understanding the experience of patients, as well as healthcare professionals, has been fundamental in co-creating a compelling **Case for Change** with a clear set of actions.

Our evidence review, checked by extensive discussions with bowel cancer professionals, is strengthened through consultation and interviews with over 70 patients and carers. Their experiences and insights are invaluable and have never before been gathered at this scale and depth in Wales. To save lives, we must look at what we do through their eyes, making improvements at every stage and joining up the pathway.

Endorsed by Bowel Cancer UK, The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland, the Welsh Association for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, Wales Cancer Network, Wales Bowel Cancer Initiative, and the Royal College of Surgeons of England, this report is a rallying call for everyone involved in bowel cancer in Wales. The dramatic change we are looking for can only happen if every opportunity is taken and everyone plays their part in a focus on saving lives.



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Moving towards a Wales with zero deaths from bowel cancer will bring hope to many affected by cancer. Fewer lives will be lost if this powerful and comprehensive piece of work is acted on.

– **Rachel Reed [Bowel Cancer Survivor, Patient Advocate]**

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Moondance Cancer Initiative will fund work to fuel this change. We will bring energy to working Towards Zero Deaths, including more detailed analysis of solutions at each critical stage of the pathway.

Partnership and collaboration across government, patient groups, NHS, third sector, and industry will be essential to deliver the most impactful programme possible for Wales. We are committed to championing, supporting and funding better ways of doing things and, gathering the evidence needed to sustain change.

With widespread collaboration and support, this could mark the start of an impactful and long-term movement towards better bowel cancer care in Wales.

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Bob blwyddyn yng Nghymru, mae dros 900 o bobl yn marw o ganser y coluddion. Mae'r nifer yma'n cynyddu, ac felly hefyd anghydraddoldebau gofal. Yn 2021, roedd rhannau mwyaf difreintiedig ein poblogaeth dros 80% yn fwy tebygol o farw o ganser y coluddion na'r lleiaf difreintiedig.

Er gwaethaf hyn, mae canser y coluddion yn parhau'n un o'r canserau y gellir eu trin orau, ac mae cyfleoedd effeithiol ar sawl pwynt i achub bywydau. Trwy weithio gyda chleifion, clinigwyr ac eraill rydym wedi cyflwyno cynllun i ddechrau symud Cymru Tuag at Ddileu Marwolaethau o Ganser y Coluddion.

O ganfod & diagnosis cynnar, ac ymlaen at driniaeth, dangoswn sut gall y 2,300 o bobl sy'n cael diagnosis canser y coluddion yng Nghymru bob blwyddyn gael y cyfre gorau i oroesi a ffynnu. Mae deall profiad cleifion, yn ogystal â gweithwyr gofal iechyd, wedi bod yn rhan hanfodol o gyd-greu'r Dadl dros Newid afaelgar a set glir o weithredoedd.

Mae ein hadolygiad or dystiolaeth, a wiriwyd trwy drafodaethau helaeth gyda chlinegwyr canser y coluddion, yn cael ei gryfhau trwy ymgynghori a chyweld dros 70 o gleifion a gofalwyr. Mae eu profiadau a'u sylwadau yn amhrisiadwy ac ar raddfa adyfnnder heb ei ail yng Nghymru. Er mwyn achub bywydau, mae'n rhaid inni edrych ar drwy eu llygaid nhw, gan wneud gwelliannau ar bob cam a chreu un llwybr unedig o ofal.

Gyda chefnogaeth gan Bowel Cancer UK, Cymdeithas Coloproctoleg Prydain ac Iwerddon, Cymdeithas Gastroenteroleg ac Endoscopi Cymru, Rhwydwaith Canser Cymru, Menter Canser y Coluddion Cymru, a Choleg Brenhinol Llawfeddygon Lloegr, mae'r adroddiad hwn yn ymbil i bawb sy'n gysylltiedig â chanser y coluddion yng Nghymru. Dim ond drwy withio ar y cyd ac yn gynhwysfawr y gwelwn newid sylafenol fydd yn achub bywydau.



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Bydd gweld y symud yma tuag at Gymru lle di pobl ddim yn marw o ganser y coluddion yn cynnig gobaith i lawer ohonom ni sydd wedi ein heffeithio gan ganser. Bydd llai o fywydau'n cael eu colli os ydyn ni yn gweithu'r darn cynhwysfawr hwn o waith

- Rachel Reed [Goroesydd canser y coluddion, Claf Eiriolydd]

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Mae Moondance Cancer Initiative wedi ymrwymo i ariannu gwaith fydd yn tanio'r newid hwn. Byddwn yn dyfalbarhau yn egniol i weithio Tuag at Ddileu Marwolaethau, gan gynnwys dadansoddi yn fwy manwl gwelliannau posib ar bob cam allweddol o'r llwybr.

Bydd partneriaeth a chydweithio ar draws llywodraeth, grwpiau cleifion, y GIG, y trydydd sector, a diwydiant yn hanfodol er mwyn cyflawni'r rhaglen fwyaf effeithiol bosib i Gymru. Rydym wedi ymrwymo i eiriol dros, cefnogi ac ariannu gwell ffyrdd o wneud pethau, a chasglu'r dystiolaeth sydd ei hangen i gynnal newid.

Gyda chydweithio a chefnogaeth eang, gallai hyn fod yn gychwyn ar symudiad effeithiol a hirdymor tuag at well gofal canser y coluddion yng Nghymru.

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**The full Case for Change is available and can be found at:
Mae'r Dadl dros Newid llawn ar gael a gellir ei chanfod yn:**

www.moondance-cancer.wales/research-insights/towards-zero-deaths-from-bowel-cancer