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Bone Cancer Conference

The Bone Cancer Conference is part of the Support and Information Service of the Bone Cancer Research Trust. It is a yearly event which has grown year on year since the charity began in 2006 and is attended by patients and their families, as well as researchers and medical professionals, providing a unique day of inspiration and support for anyone affected by Primary Bone Cancer. In 2019, our Summer Conference took place in Leeds, UK and was attended by 197 patients, former patients and their families. The conference is a free event organized by the Bone Cancer Research Trust, and brings together the bone cancer community, creating a supportive and informative environment to:

- Hear about the latest developments in bone cancer research.
- Meet and interact with other patients and families.
- Learn about the work of the Bone Cancer Research Trust and how to get involved.
- Access the information and support available to those affected by bone cancer.
- Provide researchers and clinicians with valuable insight into unmet needs for bone cancer research and patient care.

The Bone Cancer Conference is much more than just a conference. It is a safe, supportive environment full of information and helpful sessions to help tackle issues around mental health, feelings of social isolation and practical assistance with issues such as diet and amputations. The program included a series of informative and thought-provoking presentations by patients that kindly shared their stories and researchers at the forefront of developing new treatments for and gaining greater understanding of primary bone cancer; allowing guests to meet and ask questions in an informal environment. Younger guests enjoyed childcare sessions, storytelling and play, providing the opportunity to share experiences with other children and being creative through crafts and art.

Feedback questionnaires collected at the end of the conference indicate that participants experienced a 92% reduction in feelings of high or extreme anxiety; 87% and 96% of attendees felt highly supported by professionals and well informed about primary bone respectively.



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