

## **Benefits of Membership of The National Federation of Prostate Cancer Support Groups**

The Federation was started in 2008 by four patient-led prostate cancer support groups representing over 2,000 patients and their families from across the UK. The main aims of this new umbrella organisation were to be the voice of prostate cancer patients at a national level, to provide support to new or smaller groups and help strengthen the effectiveness of support groups by sharing ideas and best practice. Membership is now over 80 groups representing over 10,000 men and their partners.

In 2013, the Federation launched a campaign to increase public awareness of prostate cancer under the banner of Tackle Prostate Cancer.

Membership of the Federation currently gives you:

- An informative and lively quarterly [newsletter](#).
- An [AGM and Annual Conference](#) with keynote speakers on different aspects of prostate cancer.
- An opportunity to be involved at a national level in increasing [awareness of prostate cancer](#) and contributing to an agreed central approach to key issues of the membership eg campaigning, PSA testing. A unified force is a more effective force.
- [Regional workshops](#) to learn about and discuss items of mutual interest eg effective ways of attracting more members, sharing best practice.
- [Access to grants](#) of up to £500 for a variety of projects eg purchase of computer equipment, funding the costs of running support meetings.
- [Leaflets and information sheets](#) on various aspects of cancer in general, prostate cancer in particular and other useful info.
- The ability to [create and maintain your own modern and attractive website](#).
- Advice and support on early detection of prostate cancer – particularly holding PSA testing events.
- Advice on Gift Aid.
- [Signposting service to your support group for people with prostate cancer](#) looking for local help.
- A one-stop shop for up-to-date [prostate cancer information](#).
- An opportunity to help people with prostate cancer by manning our vital national [Help Line](#) open 365 days a year.
- Assistance and support for your activities.
- Encouragement and assistance with the formation and development of prostate cancer support groups eg establishing a Constitution, advising on charity registration.