

BRITISH CARDIAC PATIENTS ASSOCIATION (BCPA)

The British Cardiac Patients Association (BCPA) is the independent voice of cardiac patients and their families and carers. It has national membership and offers support and advice on all aspects of coronary heart disease.

Improving the level of care provided for patients and enabling people to have a better quality of life is the Association's primary commitment. By offering people support on a one-to-one basis we can allay some of the worries and fears that they may have when they are diagnosed with heart disease. Carers also have concerns and fears and need support.

The charity offers advice and information in the form of leaflets, fact sheets, audiotapes, website and telephone help-line.

The BCPA represents patients at the highest levels. The charity was involved in producing the National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease and is currently represented on the NHS Modernisation Board, the National CHD Task force and many other boards and committees.

The Association has conducted successful campaigns on a number of issues related to heart disease, including raising the awareness of the seriousness of unstable angina, improving diagnosis and care of patients with heart failure and educating people on the importance of knowing your blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

We are committed to helping people avoid heart disease and offer lifestyle advice and support to make any necessary changes. We hold regular Awareness events around the country.

The association is run by volunteers who have themselves been diagnosed with heart disease or are the carer of someone who has. They are able to relate to the experiences that they encounter and offer comfort and support throughout the patient journey and beyond.

We offer hope that heart disease can be avoided, and for those already diagnosed, that life can return to some sense of normality.

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