

# The Boom Foundation



Support and Information  
close to home



# Is it Sarcoma?



**Uncommon** cancers that can affect **any part** of the body, on the **inside or outside**, including the muscle, bone, tendons, blood vessels and fatty tissues.

**15** people are diagnosed with sarcoma every day in the UK.

**100** new cases in N.I. each year

**100** different sub-types of sarcoma





Almost **eight in 10 people** (78%) diagnosed with sarcoma in the UK will live up to a year.

The average percentage of people **living three years** after being diagnosed with sarcoma in the UK is **64.5%**.

The **five-year survival rate** for sarcoma is **55%**.



# Boom - who are we?



- ❖ Established April 2013
- ❖ The only charity in N.I. dedicated to sarcoma patients
- ❖ Small group of trustees and volunteers
- ❖ Raise money through voluntary donations only





# Boom - what do we do?

- ❖ Provide support and information close to home through our unique **referral system**
- ❖ Liaise with medical professionals to fill the “gaps” in support for sarcoma patients and their families
- ❖ Hold the only dedicated sarcoma support group in N.I.
- ❖ Fund vital research through Sarcoma UK
- ❖ Raise awareness of Sarcoma through N.I.



# Funding

How do you help?

Your £ goes....

50p to **vital research**



50p to **support those in NI affected by sarcoma**

- ❖ We raise money through voluntary donations only
- ❖ From March 2013 - March 2019 - we have raised in excess of **£600,000**
- ❖ **50% stays here in N.I.**
- ❖ **50% funds vital research**



# What support?



- Financial support (e.g. travel expenses, private tuition for children, help with car modifications etc.)
- Annual winter fuel payments
- Boom 'Pack a Punch Day'
- Emotional support (e.g. counselling)
- Practical support (e.g. travel insurance)



# Future of Boom

- ❖ Support for patients with upper limb amputation
- ❖ Striving for equality of treatment for N.I. patients
- ❖ Increased awareness throughout N.I. to help with early diagnosis
- ❖ Funding for further sarcoma specialist nurse
- ❖ Increase levels of support in rural communities - specialist end of life care
- ❖ Supporting research programmes to help find better treatment options ....and a cure!





# Thank you for listening

