

## 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

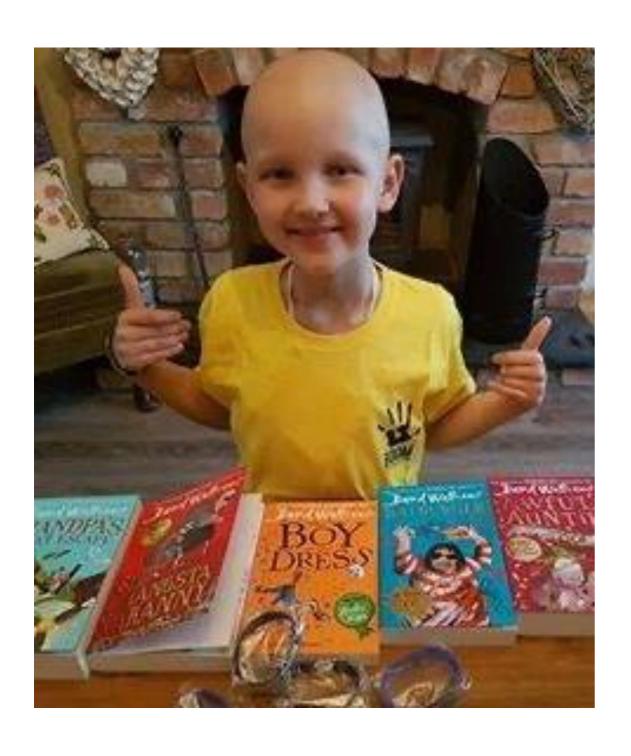


50p to support those in NI affected by sarcoma

- 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



