

## Welcome to our December edition of We All Matter.

Below you will find a round up of the latest news in the world of OcuMel UK, we hope you find it informative.

### Recent News

#### **Favorable Results from a Multi-Center Analysis of Delcath PHP Therapy to be Published in Journal of Surgical Oncology**

Many people have been waiting on this paper as it shows the results people have been receiving following Chemosat, also known as Delcath - a way of delivering high doses of chemotherapy straight to the liver.

The paper has now been approved and waiting to be published. We will keep you updated when this happens. You can read more [here](#).

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#### **Petition to Scottish Parliament**

Our members Jenni Lewis and Iain Galloway explain in this video clip why they have raised a petition for ocular melanoma patients in Scotland to receive MRI scans. View it [here](#).

The Alloa Advertiser has also picked up on Jenni's fight for and why she needs support from the Scottish Parliamentary Committee to receive scans. You can read their story [here](#).

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#### **Surveillance - MRI vs Ultrasound**

We asked you, our members, whether you would be in support of OcuMel UK funding a project to provide and evaluate twice yearly MRI scans for patients. The majority - 86% of you were in favour, 10% were undecided and 4% were against. Cost was a concern for some of you who were undecided.

We issued a survey recently to all of our membership to find out just how many of you have asked your doctor for an MRI scan and been refused. We have a plan of what can be offered but this will depend on how many of you would opt in to such a scheme.

If you haven't done so already, please complete the survey [here](#).

## What will the Doctor Order?

We were recently contacted by BBC News regarding an experimental treatment which uses your own immune system to attack cancer cells. IMCgp100 is just one of a few trials currently available in the UK for uveal melanoma patients.

Special thanks to our member Kay Blake, for her time in helping to show that emerging treatments are coming through with promising results. Scroll down to Fighting Clever on tab 2 [here](#).

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## Volunteer for us

Our membership base has an amazing variety of skills and knowledge, and we know many of you would like to help in some way, but are unsure how. Please email Sonya on [sonya@omuk.info](mailto:sonya@omuk.info) to find more about the areas we could need extra support for.

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## Date for your Diary

The date for our next AGM has been set for Friday February 23rd 2018 and will be held at B&Q Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

Please keep this date free, it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

More details will follow in the New Year.

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## In Memory of David Harris

We are very fortunate to be able to bring you a 2018 calendar produced using original, stunning photography taken by the late David Harris and created in his memory.

We thank David Harris' family and friends and Durkeries Camera Club for their support, and for giving us all this insight into his love of photography.

You can purchase yours [here](#).

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***From all of us at OcuMel UK, thank you for your support this year, and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas!***

We also like to take a moment to remember those we have sadly lost.

Each loss is heartbreaking for their family and friends, but also felt by the wider OM community.

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This journey is difficult at times and so it can take strength to reach out for help.  
If you need support, please talk to someone.

<b><u>OcuMel UK Helpline</u></b>	(Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - 11am-1pm)	<b>0300 790 0512</b>
<b><u>Samaritans</u></b>	(24 hours a day, 365 days a year)	<b>116 123</b> Freephone
<b><u>MacMillan</u></b>	(Monday to Friday 9-8pm)	<b>0808 808 00 00</b>
<b><u>Cruse Bereavement</u></b>	(Mon & Fri 9.30-5pm, Tues, Weds & Thurs 9.30-8pm)	<b>0808 808 1677</b>
<b><u>MIND</u></b>	(Monday to Friday 9-6pm)	<b>0300 123 3393</b>

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