

**“We are truly grateful for CHECT and the amazing work they are doing with families like mine”**



## What is retinoblastoma (Rb)?

Each week, a child living in the UK is diagnosed with Rb, a rare form of eye cancer that typically affects children under 6 years old. Although 98% survive, almost half of all children diagnosed will lose an eye and some will lose their sight.

There is an increased chance of developing second primary cancers elsewhere in the body if the Rb is heritable or if radiotherapy has been used as part of the treatment plan.

For 45% of affected children their Rb is heritable, and there is a risk of passing the retinoblastoma on to their own future children.

## Who we are

**We are the only charity in the UK solely dedicated to helping anybody affected by retinoblastoma.**

At the heart of what we do is our belief that by driving early diagnosis through raising awareness, funding vital research, and offering lifelong support to those affected, we can lessen the impact of Rb, now and in the future.

For the last 38 years, we've been supporting individuals and families affected by Rb. We started out as The Retinoblastoma Society in the 1980s and evolved into Childhood Eye Cancer Trust in the 2000s. You can learn more about our history at [www.chect.org.uk/about-us](http://www.chect.org.uk/about-us).

## Our objectives

### Support

Offering support and a sense of community from diagnosis, during treatment and throughout the lives of anyone affected by Rb.

### Awareness

Working with healthcare professionals and the public to ensure faster diagnosis and better outcomes for those affected by Rb. Our work involves educating both groups about the signs and symptoms of Rb, emphasising urgent referrals and prompt medical attention.

### Research

Proactively engaging in the advancement of knowledge of Rb, its treatment and its impact through the awarding of grants to groups or individuals who wish to pursue research projects or audits to advance knowledge of Rb and related issues.



## In the last year...

## Support

## Awareness

**100%**  
OF FAMILIES  
WERE OFFERED  
SUPPORT  
FOLLOWING A  
DIAGNOSIS OF  
RB IN THE UK

**1440**

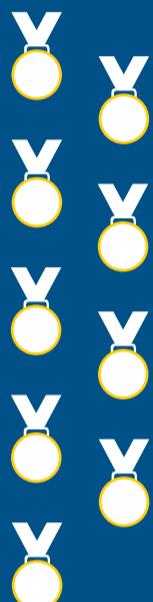
face-to-face sessions were given at inpatient and outpatient clinics - the highest ever!

**264  
MILLION  
PEOPLE**

Press mentioning our charity was seen by at least **264 million people**

We were featured on BBC's A Night of TV for Children in Need, with a reach of over **37 million people**

9 CHECT Champion awards were given out to some very brave and deserving children.



Pip the penguin (our enucleation support toy) was given to 15 children who have lost an eye as part of their treatment.



We gave over **£11,000** to individuals and families in need



1. Travel
2. Food
3. Loss of earnings
4. Accommodation
5. Other

**81%**

OF THOSE THAT RESPONDED  
TO OUR MEMBERS SURVEY  
SAID CHECT SUPPORT HAD  
REDUCED FEELINGS OF  
LONELINESS AND ISOLATION



In the last year we received over **111** mentions in the media

**111,000**

Our website hits reached over **111,000** with the most visited pages being our signs and symptoms and 'what causes retinoblastoma' pages.

**“**Every time we visit, our support worker is there to check on us and provide the most incredible emotional support **”**

## Research

## Future plans

## Funding



In the last year we have funded **£71,600** in projects to improve our understanding of Rb and develop kinder, effective treatments.

- We plan to fund **£130,098** for new research.
- We plan to offer at least **£8,000** in support grants to families and individuals in need.
- We plan to continue offering support to **100%** of families and individuals affected by Rb.
- We plan to reward **£1,000** to those with a special interest in music through our Ffion Miles Bursary.

**“** The guides, resources and real-life stories of families affected by retinoblastoma which are available through CHECT continue to be an invaluable source of information for us **”**

Throughout the last year the generosity, creativity, and commitment of our supporters enabled the charity to exceed the budgeted income target, despite the many challenges faced by the wider charitable sector.

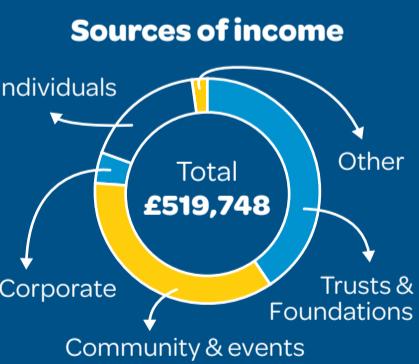
From individual challenges and community events to corporate partnerships, every donation has gone towards supporting those affected by Rb, raising awareness and investing in ground-breaking research.

We are incredibly grateful and overwhelmed by the passion and dedication of our supporters who go to such lengths to raise funds for us.

**Thank you.**

**£1**

Our aim is to focus on delivering activities that make a difference with 71p out of every £1 donated going directly to our services and wider charitable work.



**“** Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year – whether you shared your story, donated, volunteered, organised or attended an event, took on a challenge, liked or shared our social media posts.

We simply could not do what we do without you **”**

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