

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

2025 - 2026



"Diagnosed with retinoblastoma at 3, **Junior** now has a prosthetic left eye. But from the moment he stepped onto the Judo mat, it was clear that his vision wouldn't stand in the way. Junior is a shining example of resilience, reminding us all that with the right support and mindset, children can achieve amazing things - on and off the mat"

- Junior's Mum, Courtney



Research

£131,355

We have funded £131,355 in projects to improve our understanding of Rb and develop kinder, optimised treatments.

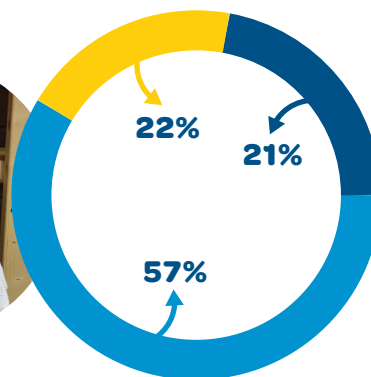
Kirsteen, who has heritable Rb affecting multiple generations of her family, benefited from early diagnosis through genetic knowledge and regular screening, allowing successful treatment that preserved her vision.

Advances in research, including genetic testing and targeted treatments, also supported care for her children.



Support

Support work



1,484 face-to-face sessions

1,467 digital sessions

3,941 referrals, applications & signposting

A total of **6,892** support sessions

CHECT support grants

A total of **£11,000** given to **80** families:

Travel - £7,870

Income loss - £1,865

Food costs - £715

Accommodation - £450

Other help - £100

Awareness



By sharing their experiences in more than **85** newspapers, magazines, TV programs and radio broadcasts, our members have helped raise national awareness of retinoblastoma (Rb), highlighting the signs and symptoms and the life-saving importance of early diagnosis.

Like **Raye**, an eight-month-old, who was diagnosed with Rb after her mother noticed a white glow in her eye. She underwent treatment, responded well and is now recovering with her family.



Plans for 2026/27

- To invest **£130,090** in new research.
- Offer a minimum of **£12,000** in CHECT support grants to families & individuals in need.
- Continue offering support to **100%** of families and individuals affected by Rb.

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 and liked or shared our social media posts. **We simply could not do what we do without you.**

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Who we are

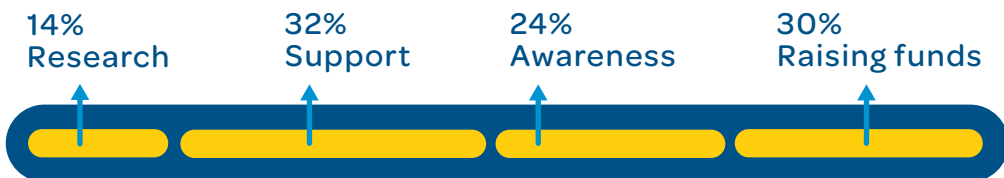
Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) are the only charity in the UK solely dedicated to helping anybody affected by Rb.

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.

What is retinoblastoma?

Each week, a child in the UK is diagnosed with retinoblastoma (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.

Where your donations go



Where your donations come from



How to donate



Donate £40 to celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2027! Or visit chect.org.uk/donate for other ways to donate to CHECT. **Thank you!**