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CLIC Sargent and Societe Generale launch new education and employment grant for young cancer patients

CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer support charity for children, young people and families, has joined forces with partner Societe Generale - one of the leading European financial services groups - to launch a brand new education and employment grant.

The 'Thrive Not Just Survive' grant will be open to young people aged between 14 and 24-years-old who have been diagnosed with cancer and are looking to get an education or career ambition back on track.

Societe Generale's UK employees chose CLIC Sargent as its charity partner in March 2018 and aims to raise £1 million over the next three years. This initiative is part of Societe's Generale's overall commitment towards supporting young people to access education and employment.

CLIC Sargent research found that over two thirds of young people were worried about the impact that cancer will have on their education and almost three quarters were worried about the impact on their future employment [1].

Under the new grant scheme, young people will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to support tuition or course fees, purchasing tools for an apprenticeship, or equipment/materials for a course such as a laptop or text books. They will apply for a gold (£3-5k), silver (£1-3k) or bronze grant (up to £1k) to suit their needs.

Applications for the new grant will open on **Friday 19 October** for three weeks and will be reviewed by a panel of CLIC Sargent and Societe Generale staff.

Young people are encouraged to get creative and can choose to submit their application in a variety of ways including writing a letter, writing a business case or even creating a video.

Kate Lee, CEO of CLIC Sargent, said: "Cancer doesn't just affect a young person's health. Cancer can also hit a young person's confidence, their finances and rob them of their independence. It can have a devastating impact on their ability to keep up with school or university when they are receiving treatment miles away from home, for months at a time. They may be forced to give up their job and put their career on hold.

"That's why it's so important that we are there to support them to achieve their goals. This new grant will empower young people to feel more in control of their future and we can't thank Societe Generale enough for their support to make this happen."

Sadia Ricke, UK Country Head at Societe Generale, said: “We’re delighted to be launching the ‘Thrive Not Just Survive’ grant programme with CLIC Sargent and working with them to raise educational aspirations and improve employability prospects for young people with cancer throughout our three year partnership. At Societe Generale we’ve heard first-hand just how challenging it can be for young people to keep up with their education or continue to work after a cancer diagnosis and we’re committed to helping CLIC Sargent change this.”

As part of the three year partnership, CLIC Sargent will also use the new funding to increase the support from its specialist care teams, who work tirelessly to limit the damage cancer causes beyond a child or young person’s health by minimising the disruption cancer causes to their education, social life, finances and future prospects.

For further information or to apply for the ‘Thrive Not Just Survive’ grant visit: www.clicsargent.org.uk/thrive

Notes to editors

[1] No young person with cancer left out, CLIC Sargent, 2013

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About cancer in children and young people

Today, 12 more children and young people in the UK will hear the devastating news that they have cancer. Treatment normally starts immediately, is often given many miles from home and can last for up to three years. Although survival rates are over 80%, cancer remains the single largest cause of death from disease in children and young people in the UK.

About CLIC Sargent

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