

## Who are we?

Anthony Nolan is the charity that saves and improves the lives of people with blood cancer. We do this by growing our register of potential stem cell donors, conducting groundbreaking research, and providing outstanding support and clinical care for patients and their families. But we can't do it without you.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Anthony Nolan partnership is in its 14th year. Last year, the SFRS recruited **849** donors, taking the number of potential lifesavers added to the stem cell register over the course of the partnership to over **19,000**. Of these, over **100** people recruited by the SFRS have gone on to donate to a patient with blood cancer – a truly remarkable achievement.

# 100,300

Potential lifesavers on our stem cell register in Scotland

These incredible individuals give blood cancer patients a second chance of life – but too often a donor isn't available or can't be found quickly enough. We urgently need to sign up more young men aged 16-30, and more people from minority ethnic backgrounds to help find more matches.

## Who makes up the Anthony Nolan register in Scotland?

# 34

Average age

Anthony Nolan's research has shown that the younger the donor, the better the patient's chance of survival.

# 17%

Male aged 16-30

Young male donors are much more likely to be selected by transplant centres.

# 5%

Minority ethnic backgrounds

For people from a minority ethnic background, it's currently twice as hard to find a lifesaving stem cell match from an unrelated donor - which is why we have an ambitious target for at least 20% of new people joining the register to be from a minority ethnic background.

## How YOU can make a lifesaving difference for your constituency

You can play a crucial part in giving people with blood cancer a second chance of life by supporting stem cell donor recruitment in your constituency.

- Get in touch to request advice and materials to help you get started.

### Other ways that you can support us:

- Share your support on social media and encourage more people aged 16-30 to join the stem cell donor register by tweeting using **@AnthonyNolan** and **[anthonymolan.org/join](https://anthonymolan.org/join)**
- Advocate for blood cancer and stem cell transplant patients in Parliament by tabling a PQ or speaking in a debate.
- Raise awareness in local media by sending your press release and campaign photo.

**CONTACT** We would love to work with you to save the lives of people with blood cancer. For more information get in touch at [public.affairs@anthonymolan.org](mailto:public.affairs@anthonymolan.org)

