



## Leading local cancer charity, The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust, funds a new, free and first-of-its-kind health app resource for families living with a childhood cancer diagnosis.

**Every year in the UK, over 1800 children are diagnosed with cancer. The trauma of that diagnosis for families is compounded by the enormous amount of complex information to process in those first few days and weeks – treatment options, procedures, side effects and medical terminology.**

It's overwhelming for everyone. Until now, there's been no single, reliable, digestible, easy to access resource for parents and children to turn to for vital information about what lies ahead.

Launching this month, The Oncology Guide is the first resource of its kind designed to empower parents and to calm & prepare children by providing the knowledge they need most at the start of their cancer journey. The app demystifies all aspect of treatment and care through bite-sized, engaging family-friendly films and animations for ages 2 – 12 featuring expert oncology practitioners and a host of brave, inspiring young children with first-hand, lived experience of cancer.

Funding provided by local charity, The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust has been instrumental in the realisation of this innovative, change-making project as an extension of their ongoing support for ground-breaking, technology-enabled healthcare solutions for young oncology patients and families across London and the South-East.

**The  
Oncology  
Guide.**

The platform covers a range of important topics, including information and videos about the most common children's cancers, animations and films presented by children who have been through treatment to tell the child about common procedures and treatments, guidance on where families can find extra help – from grants, wigs, days out, to respite care.

The platform will also serve as a vital tool for doctors, nurses, charities and key workers, helping get everyone on the same page quickly and easily, when time really is of the utmost importance.

Michael Douglas, Senior Trustee, The Chartwell Cancer Trust says:

*"When oncology mum and film maker Charley Scott came to us with her inspiring vision for The Oncology Guide, we immediately saw its potential to address the huge challenges families and young patients face as they navigate their way through devastating journeys following a child's cancer diagnosis. We are hugely excited to be funding the creation of The Oncology Guide as an inspirational, completely-new, online platform which will expand our work in the digital space, increase our reach and make truly transformational impact on a national scale."*

To find out more visit: [www.oncologyguide.co.uk](http://www.oncologyguide.co.uk)