

Cardiomyopathy UK position statement

Cardiac screening

- Cardiomyopathy UK is the UK charity dedicated to providing support and information to anyone affected by cardiomyopathy.
- Our vision is for everyone affected by cardiomyopathy to lead a long and fulfilling life.
- We provide information and support services to anyone affected by cardiomyopathy.

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We believe that the best way to reduce the number of deaths and limit the distress caused by cardiomyopathy is through educating clinicians and the general public, working with researchers, providing support and fighting for better access to quality treatment.

We take a reasoned and scientific approach when deciding how to best use our resources and what actions we should persuade the government and health care providers to take. This way we can be confident that we make the best use of the donations we receive and that we can present an evidenced and compelling case for the best use of the NHS's resources.

We know the pain and anger that the death of a loved one causes. We understand why cardiac deaths, particularly in young people, heighten the desire for the introduction of a national untargeted cardiovascular screening programme for all young people. However the evidence shows that such an untargeted approach would not work. This is why we, along with the independent UK National Screening Committee, do not support the introduction of such an initiative.

We do believe that the issue should continue to be reviewed, but we are determined that this debate should not detract from the greater and immediate obligation of national and regional governments to improve access to specialised medical expertise that will save lives through focused treatment and targeted genetic testing.

If you would like to speak to somebody about screening for cardiomyopathy please contact us on 01494 791224.