

OVERVIEW OF CANCER IN SCOTLAND

Cancer Research UK is committed to accelerating progress so that 3 in 4 people survive cancer by 2034.

In 2016/17, we spent over £34m on research in Scotland.



AROUND
32,000
CANCER CASES
IN 2015

AROUND
16,000
CANCER DEATHS
IN 2016

TOP LEVEL INDICATORS

Incidence

The 5 most common cancers (by number of cases) in 2015:

Lung	5,044
Breast	4,769
Bowel	3,695
Prostate	3,135
Melanoma	1,363

Survival

The relative five-year survival for adults diagnosed with cancer 2007-2011 is **53.6%**.

Overall, survival in Scotland is poorer than many other comparable European countries.

PREVENTION

Smoking

21.1% of adults report being a current smoker.

ACTION: We're calling for Health Boards to maintain funding for smoking cessation services.

Obesity

Around two-thirds of adults (**65%**) are classified as overweight or obese.

29% of children are at risk of being overweight or obese.

ACTION: We're calling for the Scottish Government to legislate to restrict multi-buy price promotions on junk food.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS

31-day waiting times

94.6% of patients receive their first treatment within 31 days of a decision to treat. **This is lower than the 95% standard.**

62-day waiting times

87.4% of patients receive their first cancer treatment within 62 days of an urgent GP referral. **This is lower than the 95% standard.**

ACTION ON DIAGNOSTIC WORKFORCE: Greater workforce capacity is needed to diagnose cancer earlier. We're calling for the Scottish Government to take action to address both immediate and long-term shortages in the diagnostic workforce.

Diagnostics

In 2017, only **82.8%** of patients received the diagnostic tests they needed within six weeks. **The target is that no one should be waiting longer than six weeks for a test.**

Stage at diagnosis

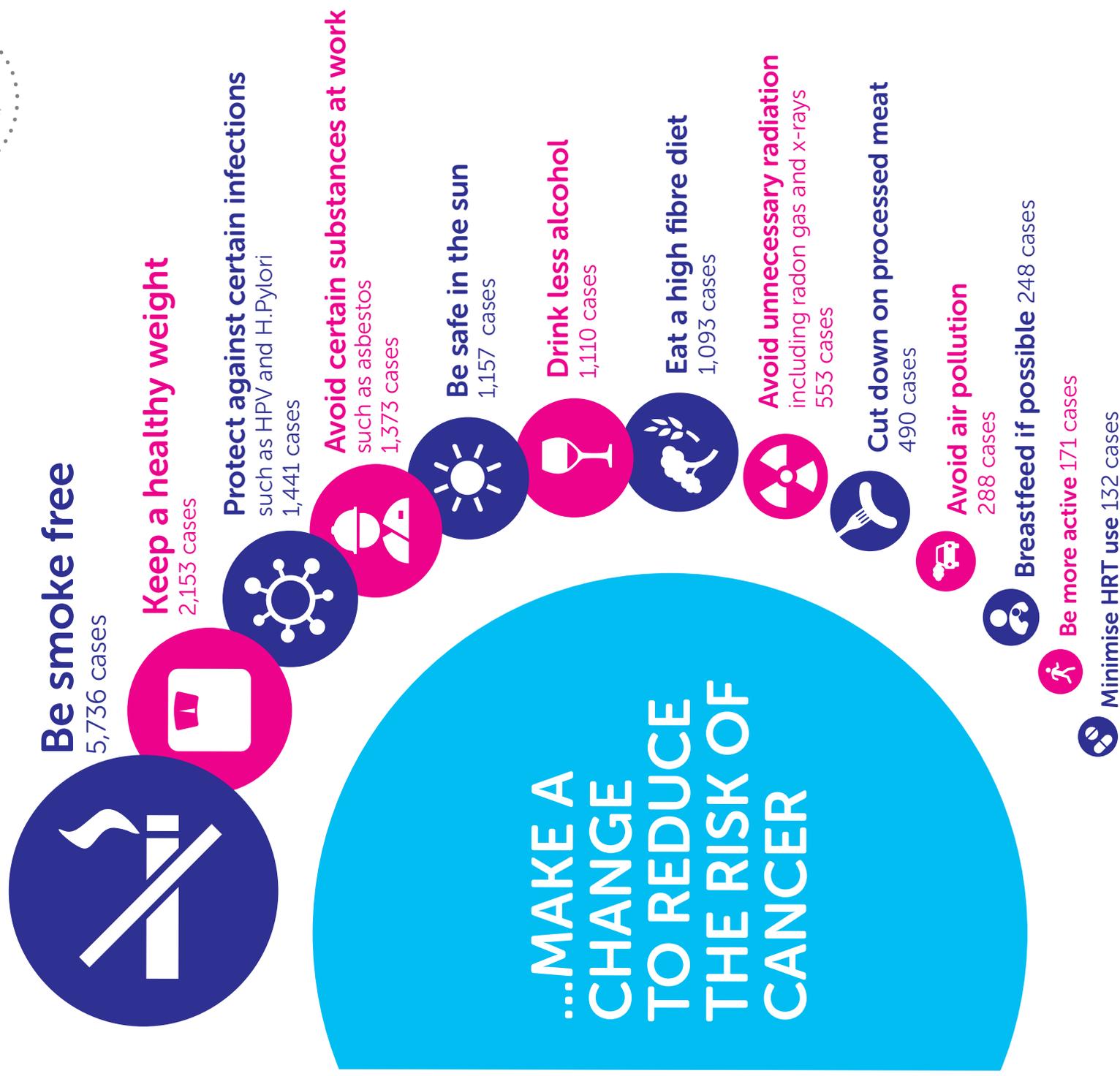
54.3% of staged cancers (breast, colorectal and lung combined) are diagnosed at an early stage (stage 1 and 2).

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4 IN 10 CANCER CASES IN SCOTLAND CAN BE PREVENTED...



Circle size here is not relative to other infographics based on Brown et al 2018.

Source: Brown et al, British Journal of Cancer, 2018

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