

# OVERVIEW OF CANCER IN WALES

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



AROUND  
**19,000**  
CANCER CASES  
IN 2015

AROUND  
**8,900**  
CANCER DEATHS  
IN 2016

## TOP LEVEL INDICATORS

### Incidence

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

Breast	2,802
Prostate	2,552
Lung	2,467
Bowel	2,259
Brain	811

### Survival

The estimated five-year relative survival for adults diagnosed with cancer in 2010-2014 is **57.1%**.

For one-year survival across the four sites included in the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership (breast, ovary, lung and colorectal), Wales ranked the worst (data from 2005-2007).

## PREVENTION

### Smoking

**19%** of adults report being a current smoker.

**ACTION:** The Welsh Government should commit to a tobacco-free ambition, where less than 5% of the population smoke, by 2035.

### Obesity

Over half of adults (**59%**) are classified as overweight or obese.

**26%** of children aged 4 to 5 years old are overweight or obese.

**ACTION:** The forthcoming Obesity Strategy must be ambitious and include measures to tackle obesity, including restricting hot food takeaways near schools.

## EARLY DIAGNOSIS

### Bowel screening

Bowel screening uptake (% of invited people screened adequately within 6 months of invitation) among adults aged 60 to 74 years old is **53.4%**.

### Stage at diagnosis

The percentage of staged cancers that are diagnosed at an early stage (stage 1 and 2) for the 5 most common cancers:

Melanoma	91%
Breast	85%
Prostate	65%
Bowel	42%
Lung	28%

**ACTION:** To improve earlier diagnosis, the Welsh Government and Health Education and Improvement Wales should review the diagnostic workforce, so demand for cancer tests can be met.

### 31-day waiting times

**97.2%** of patients receive their first treatment within 31 days of a decision to treat. **This is lower than the 98% standard.**

### 62-day waiting times

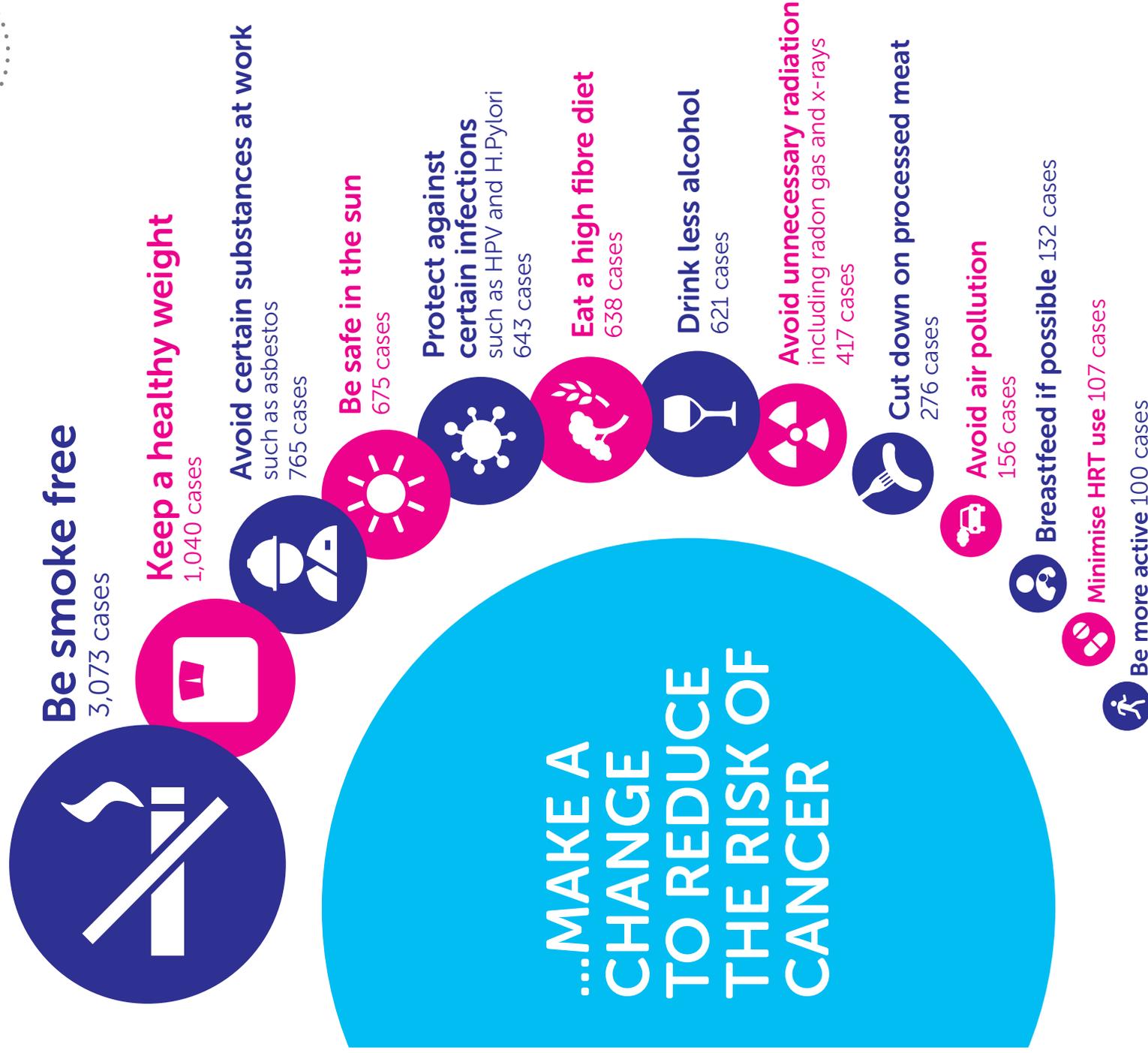
**86.5%** of patients receive their first cancer treatment within 62 days of an urgent GP referral. **This is lower than the 95% standard.**

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# 4 IN 10 CANCER CASES IN WALES 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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