

Supporting Natalie through breast cancer



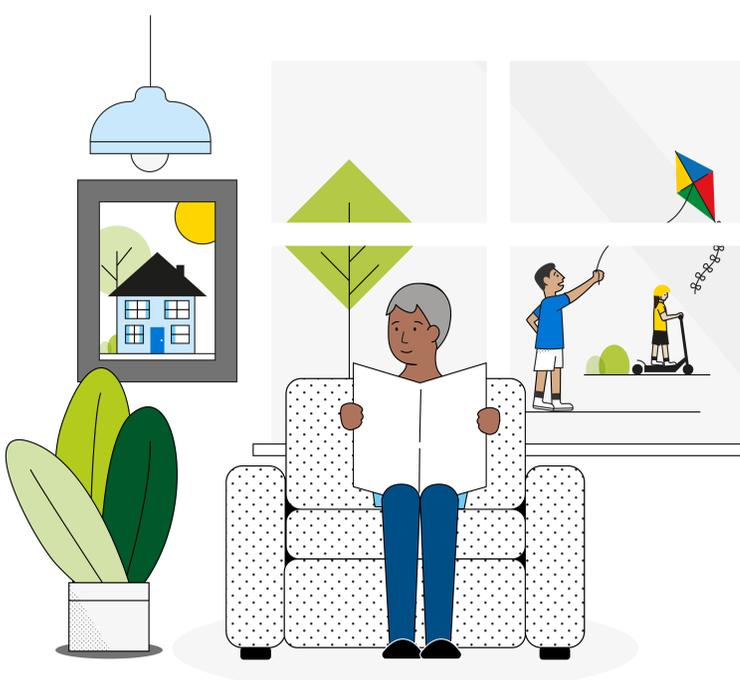
Natalie, 38, is married to Aaron and they are parents to 2 children.

In March 2021 she was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). DCIS is a non-invasive breast cancer and is one of the earliest forms of breast cancer. If DCIS is not treated, over time it may spread into the breast tissue surrounding the ducts. It then becomes an invasive breast cancer*.

3 months after diagnosis Natalie made the difficult decision to undergo a partial mastectomy.

The family rely on the income from both parents which added more needless stress into an already difficult time.

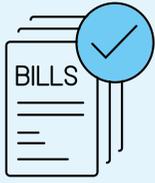
Fortunately, when Natalie and her husband bought their second home, they had put Critical Illness in place. Natalie's claim for carcinoma in situ of the breast was covered under Additional Cover in her Critical Illness Cover policy**. They made a successful claim and received £21,000.



“I've been affected by one illness after another for so long that it was difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel. My pay out and the emotional support provided have helped me and my family to feel hopeful and more like ourselves again.”

Natalie

A difficult time, made a little easier



Financial breathing space

With the mortgage and bills covered by the pay out, it reduced some of stresses of a very difficult time.



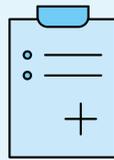
Support to afford future surgeries

Natalie was able to set aside money from the pay out to afford her private breast reconstruction surgery.



Emotional and practical support from a trained RedArc nurse

Wellbeing Support, provided by RedArc Assured Limited is included as standard with our Critical Illness Cover. Natalie received invaluable support to help her understand her diagnosis, through to three sessions of counselling.

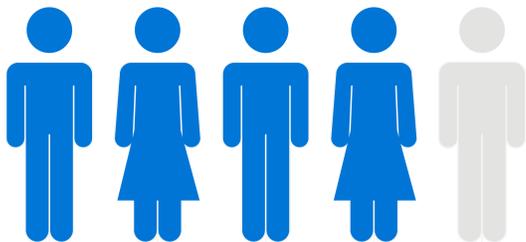


Specialist advice to support through radiotherapy

Natalie was advised to have radiotherapy to reduce the risk of DCIS coming back. Natalie was quite nervous as to what to expect with this treatment, so her RedArc nurse talked her through the process which put her at ease.

The cost of cancer

Research by Macmillan Cancer Trust found that **4 in 5** people feel the financial impact of cancer



and on average are around **£570** worse off a month as a result of their diagnosis.¹

¹ breastcanceruk.org.uk

² macmillan.org.uk

³ breastcancer.org

Not all types of cancer are covered under critical illness cover plans.



With the **cancer population set to grow from 2.5 million today to 4 million by 2030**, protection can provide financial and emotional support if the worst were to happen.²

Breast cancer is now the most common cancer in the UK.

It accounts for around

55,000

new diagnoses every year.³

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Natalie is a real person, and her story has been created for illustrative purposes.

* www.macmillan.org.uk

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