

In aid of



LUCID is proud to support the MS Society as its charity of the LUCID 2025 conference.

Our Vision

A world free from the effects of MS.

Our Mission

Transforming lives, stopping MS.

We're

- Helping people with MS, their carers, families and friends to live well with MS
- Connecting people and making sure their voices are heard
- Working to find effective treatments and prevent MS

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition. Your immune system normally protects you by fighting off infection, but in MS it attacks your nerves by mistake. Once diagnosed, MS stays with you for life, but treatments and specialists can help.

Everyone's MS is different, as are their symptoms. Because it is both a fluctuating and progressive condition, life is unpredictable. It affects the ability to work, relationships, parenting and day-to-day tasks.

We estimate there are over 150,000 people with MS in the UK, and each year over 7,000 people are newly diagnosed. This means around 1 in every 400 people in the UK lives with MS, and each week around 135 people are diagnosed with MS. People are more likely to be diagnosed in their 30s and 40s.

Everyone's MS is different, as are their symptoms. Because it is both a fluctuating and progressive condition, life is unpredictable. It affects the ability to work, relationships, parenting and day-to-day tasks.

The MS Society is a community of people living with MS, scientists, campaigners, volunteers and fundraisers. We understand what life's like with MS, and support each

other through the highs, lows and everything in between. And we're driving research into more and better treatments for everyone.

We support people with MS. We also support carers, friends and family, employers and professionals who often come across MS in their day-to-day work. Within our Helpline Service, our Specialist Services include our MS Nursing Service, Moving More with MS, and our Legal and Benefits Services, which provide a wide range of support for people living with and affected by MS.

People contact the Helpline looking for different things. Some are seeking emotional support, others information. We are a lifeline for so many.

We have three goals, developed with the MS community:

- To help people live well with MS.
- To connect people within the MS community.
- To fund research and explore treatments: Octopus is our world-leading clinical trial to develop treatments up to three times faster. We are the largest UK charity funder of MS research.

We also support people with MS through our campaigning and vital services.

2025 is the last year of the [Stop MS Appeal](#). The MS Society aims to raise £100 million by 2025 to fund ground-breaking research and clinical trials to stop MS.

We are working on four goals that will help us achieve our objectives:

- Developing treatments to slow or stop progression
- Accelerating the availability of new treatments
- Prevention
- Managing symptoms

The Appeal will pave the way for more treatments, and more understanding of MS, which means that supporting us has a much wider and long-term impact. Each of you can be a vital player in ensuring that we hit our £100 million and be part of this legacy.