# CAR-T away from home

Our **CAR-T Away from Home Service**, funded by **Dalata Hotel Group**, helps ease this burden with both the costs incurred during CAR-T treatment as well as logistical challenges.

## Open for grant applications only

Our CAR-T away from home service is currently taking applications for the grant component only. We are not able to process applications for hotel accommodation at this time. If there is anything else we can support you with, please get in touch.

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## About the service

CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor) cell therapy is a pioneering treatment which was Initially approved for B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (B-cell ALL), It is now also being used in some cases of T-cell ALL, CLL, and AML.

Because CAR-T requires patients to stay close to a hospital before, during, and after treatment, financial pressures can build quickly. With only 24 CAR-T centres in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, many people have to travel far from home.

At Leukaemia Care, we believe money should never be a barrier to treatment. That's why we provide both financial and accommodation support to help families through this stage.

Our CAR-T away from home service will provide eligible people with:

- A one-off **grant of £500**.
- Hotel accommodation for two people for up to 30 nights (where available) near your CAR-T treatment centre - **CURRENTLY PAUSED AND UNDER REVIEW**.

## What we will fund

### Financial grant

- A one-off, **non-means-tested £500 grant**.

- Can be used for: travel, food, energy bills, or other expenses linked to CAR-T therapy.

## Hotel accommodation - CURRENTLY PAUSED AND UNDER REVIEW

- Free accommodation in one double or twin room, for up to two people. The maximum number of nights will be 30, but this will depend on availability at the time.
- Hotels are provided through our partner Dalata, close to CAR-T centres. They operate the Maldron and Clayton hotels.
- Accommodation is booked by us in advance, it cannot be exchanged for money or vouchers.

## Who can apply (eligibility)

- You have a diagnosis of leukaemia, MDS, or MPN.
- You live more than one hour's drive from your CAR-T centre (to qualify for the hotel)
- You are currently undergoing CAR-T therapy ( your treatment is planned, and cells have not yet been re-infused).

This can include NHS-approved treatments and clinical trials.

## Other things to note

- One grant and hotel stay per family.
- You must apply **before** conditioning chemotherapy or cell re-infusion starts.
- Previous recipients of other Leukaemia Care grants (Travel Fund, Hardship Fund, Cost of Living Fund) may still apply.

## Application form

Please complete the form below to apply for the CAR-T away from home service.

## Struggling with the form?

If you cannot apply online, contact us:

- **Helpline**: 08088 010 444 (Mon–Fri, 9am–4:30pm)
- **Email**: advocacy@leukaemiacare.org.uk

## What happens after you apply

- We'll confirm receipt of your application.
- The Patient Services Team will review it.
- You'll hear back within **10 working days**.
- Successful applicants will be contacted by phone to arrange payment and/or accommodation.

Applications can only be assessed if:

- You meet all eligibility criteria.
- All parts of the form are complete.
- Funds are still available.

## If your application is successful

- **If accommodation is included, we'll pass your details securely to Dalata so we can book on your behalf.**
- **We may ask for feedback to show the impact of the service to our funders.**
- **You may also be contacted by our Welfare or Advocacy officers to explore further support.**

## If your application is unsuccessful

**This may be because:**

- **You don't meet the eligibility criteria.**
- **The fund has been fully allocated.**

**We will contact you to explore other options, such as the Cost of living fund.**

## Confidentiality

Your information will be used only to assess your application, arrange support, and evidence the impact of the service.

If accommodation is included, your details will be shared with Dalata Hotel Group for booking purposes. Anonymous information may also be shared with our funders to demonstrate the value of the service.

### Can family members use the hotel stay?

Yes. The free room can be for a patient and companion, or for family while the patient is in hospital.

### Can I apply if my treatment hasn't started yet?

Yes, but you must apply **before** conditioning chemotherapy or cell re-infusion begins.

### Can I apply for both this fund and the cost of living fund?

If the patient is an adult, then they are eligible to apply for both the Cost of Living fund, as well as our CAR-T fund. Patients under the age of 18 are ineligible for the Cost of Living Fund.

### What happens if I already had a grant from Leukaemia Care?

You can still apply for CAR-T support, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.


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## Contact us

For questions or help with your application:

- **Email**: advocacy@leukaemiacare.org.uk
- **Helpline**: 08088 010 444

## Testimonial

> Thanks so much for letting me know about the grant. It will really come in handy during our stay and we are really grateful for all of the support we have received from you and Leukaemia Care.
>
> *— Recipient of our CAR-T away from home service*