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Motor neurone disease (MND) is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. It does not usually affect the senses such as sight, sound, feeling etc.

MND affects people from all communities.

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A person’s lifetime risk of developing MND is up to 1 in 300. That’s one person in an average size cinema screen.

Six people are diagnosed every day. Up to 5,000 people are fighting MND at various stages of the disease. Six people die each and every day.

It affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time.

MND - there is no cure.

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We are the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning.

Should you need any information or support please contact our MND Connect helpline.

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