



# WORK CANCER: VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAT OCCUPATIONAL CANCER

## *Jane's story* video transcript

My name's Jane Anderton and I'm a retired teacher. I was diagnosed with mesothelioma in November 2012. Now, 15 years ago I used to be a very keen walker and I was always at the front of the group and then I found difficulty with my breathing and I ended up being at the back of the group, which was very disappointing, and I didn't really understand what caused that. And then last August I had a number of chest infections and didn't feel very well. It was discovered that I had fluid on my lung. I then had a biopsy and discovered that I had

malignant mesothelioma, which was a terrible shock for me and for all of my family. The surgeon talked to us all together and explained that if I had radical surgery my average life expectancy would be 22 months, and if I simply had the fluid from my lung drained again, 11 months. And this was very, very difficult to come to terms with and we were all very shocked. It really has been very, very distressing and I had the radical surgery and I felt very ill after the surgery. I was unlucky and I had fevers and infection, and I was very sick, but more recently I've recovered

from the surgery and luckily I have a sunny nature and I seem to be able to keep happy in between the scans. I have scans every three months to see whether the tumours have come back. It's inevitable that they will come back, but I am trying to make the most of every day and most days I seem to be able to do that. I've taught in a number of schools and I've been told that the most likely place where I will have picked up this problem with asbestos, which has caused mesothelioma, will be in a school somewhere.

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