What do the programmes consist of?

Participants of the programmes complete a pre-exercise session where a full assessment is carried out. This includes a health screen, questionnaires collection and further information about the programme.

The leisure centre programmes are partly based in the gym using the extensive equipment available e.g. bikes, treadmills, rowing machines, as well as a circuit programme in the studio, consisting of a warm-up, different circuit stations designed for both upper and lower limb exercise, and a cool down period.

Each participant is given an individual programme that is specific to them and will contain a mixture of aerobic and resistance exercise. All the programmes are designed to be a stepping stone back to physical activity, informal and fun.

Discounted gym membership on completion of any of the programmes is available to participants in line with other exercise referral schemes run by Bristol City Council.

How to refer?

Participants can be referred by their medical professional or by a self-referral form (if necessary we will liaise with their GP). All referrals need to be made using the referral form found here: www.bristol.gov.uk/energise

They can be made by any of the following:
- GPs
- Consultants and other hospital-based doctors
- Nurses, including Cancer Nurse Specialists
- State Registered Chartered Physiotherapists

Contact us by post

Alistair Macfarlane, Energise Referral Scheme, Easton Leisure Centre, Easton, Bristol, BS5 0SW

Contact us via phone

07825 033 741

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Prices are correct at time of print.
Energise is an innovative new exercise referral programme specifically for people who have been affected by cancer.

It is a partnership project between Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire Cancer Network, Bristol City Council, North Bristol NHS Trust and Sports and Leisure Management Limited.

The programmes are carried out by either Chartered Physiotherapists, CanRehab or Wright Foundation trained Exercise Instructors.

What are the benefits of the programme?
The programmes aim to introduce participants to the benefits of physical activity to help recovery from the effects of cancer treatments.

- A safe, supported and motivating environment to begin to start exercising
- Gradual introduction to a regular manageable exercise routine, tailored to the needs of each participant
- Improve physical strength, mobility, function and quality of life
- Peer support

Who are the programmes suitable for?
Anyone aged 16 years or over, who is ready to exercise at any stage pre, during or after cancer treatment such as surgery, chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy and is deemed by the referrer to have a stable condition.

People who are receiving maintenance cancer treatments such as hormone therapy are suitable for inclusion.

Non-cancer conditions not suitable for referral include:
- Acute respiratory disease
- Unstable angina
- Unstable diabetes
- Acute heart failure
- Pregnancy
- Hypertension (systolic 160 and above, diastolic 100 and above)
- Tachycardia – resting HR >100

About the programmes

12 week community programme
Delivered by exercise based cancer rehabilitation instructors.

Easton Leisure Centre
Thrisell Street, Easton, Bristol BS5 0SW
on Thursdays 12.45-1.45pm

Henbury Leisure Centre
Avonmouth Way, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7NG
on Fridays 7-8pm

Horfield Leisure Centre
Dorian Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0XW
on Tuesdays 11am-12pm

Everyone Active Stadium
Davis Lane, Clevedon BS21 6TG
on Tuesdays 3-4pm

Cost: £3 per session.