**Press release**

**Datapac partners with Solas Cancer Support Centre for 10th Anniversary of Run and Walk for Life**

**Wexford, June 13 2018 -** Datapac, Ireland’s leading ICT solutions provider, today announces that it will partner with the Solas Cancer Support Centre to sponsor the 2018 South East Run and Walk for Life. The traditional sea of orange is set to hit the streets of Waterford again on Sunday 14th October 2018 as the Solas Cancer Support Centre celebrates its 10th Anniversary. Event partner Datapac and media partner Beat will support Solas in celebrating this milestone.

The Solas Cancer Support Centre opened its doors seven years ago and is entirely funded by donations and fundraising activities like the Run and Walk for Life. Strategically located close to key treatment centres including Waterford University Hospital and Whitfield Clinic, the centre provides practical and accessible services to people in the South East directly affected by cancer, as well as their families and carers. The Solas Cancer Support Centre is supported by over 70 volunteers, 25 counsellors and therapists, six community employment scheme workers and four staff members (two full time and two part-time).

In confirming the date the voluntary Committee is pleased to announce that both the walk and run will share a 10k route this year- with the runners starting ahead of the walkers on the day. ”We are excited that in celebrating our 10th Anniversary we are announcing our new distance of 10K. There’s an opportunity for all the family to enjoy the day with both runners and walkers covering the same 6.2 mile route”, commented Tracy McDaid, manager of the Solas Cancer Support Centre

Dee Jacques, chair of the Solas Cancer Support Centre explained what this event has meant to the charity over the last 10 years: “Since its inception in 2008 this event has been the cornerstone of the fundraising that supports the services each year. The initial three years were the building blocks that funded the construction of the Centre. We are extremely thankful to our event partners, Datapac and Beat who are so loyal in their continued support and also the hard-working Run and Walk for Life voluntary committee who give such much of their valuable time and expertise to this event every year.

“Each year there are families, friends and colleagues of those who have accessed the services of the Centre coming together in a positive way to acknowledge that support. Their fundraising and participation also drives the awareness of the Centre in a healthy and positive way in the walking or running preparation for the event. The Run for Life t-shirts far outlive the day itself and can been seen across the South East region long afterwards*”.*

Karen O’Connor, general manager service delivery, Datapac, said: “Datapac is once again thrilled to join forces with the Solas Centre for the fifth time to support the 2018 Run and Walk for Life. The Solas Cancer Support Centre is one of the leading cancer support centres in Ireland and relies on charitable contributions to enable it to continue to provide vital services such as counselling, relaxation therapy and group support to those affected by cancer throughout the South East. We are proud to support such a worthwhile cause and encourage people throughout the region to get out and support this year’s event.”

For further information, contact the Solas Cancer Support Centre on 051 304 604 or check out the ‘[Solas Centre South East Run and Walk for Life](https://www.facebook.com/Run-and-Walk-for-Life-127454584007942/)’ Facebook page.

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**Photo Caption:** Pictured at the launch of the 2018 Solas Cancer Support Centre Run and Walk for Life are (L-R): Gabrielle Cummins, CEO, Beat 102 103; Dee Jacques, chair, Solas Cancer Support Centre; and Karen O'Connor, general manager service delivery, Datapac.

**About The Solas Cancer Support Centre**

The Solas Cancer Support Centre aims to provide the highest quality cancer support services to the people of the South East of Ireland, including counselling, relaxation therapies and group support services. The SECF Solas Cancer Support Centre is a charity 100% reliant on income raised through fundraising to support our services.

Please support the Solas Cancer Support Centre in whatever way you can. For further information, visit [www.solascentre.ie](http://www.solascentre.ie)

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