



Social welfare secretary Vanessa Parellada and Pepita Gabaldar, president of Formentera's chapter of the Spanish Cancer Association (AECC), met today to present details about Thursday's World Breast Cancer Awareness Day. A press conference about the programme of events October 19 was held at 12 noon in the hall of ceremonies of the Formentera Council's central office.

The day of the event, AECC will staff an outreach table in Sant Francesc's central square, plaça de la Constitució. Then, participants of a charity walk to fight the disease will set out on Saturday, October 21, at 4.00pm from the fishermen's wharf in la Savina, el Moll de Pescadors. Today, tomorrow and Thursday, signups to take part in the walk, plus T-shirt sales, will be held at Antoni Blanc sport centre. A total of 250 people have already pledged to walk, of 400 spaces available.

Furthermore, all are invited on Saturday, November 4, to an AECC fundraising dinner at Es Pujols' Caminito restaurant. Reservations for the meal, which costs €45, can be made by calling 670 291 414 or 636 514 596. There will be music and a raffle giveaway of gifts donated by local businesses. Gabaldar thanked all those establishments that took part in the effort.

Oncological psychology

Secretary Parellada highlighted the hard work of Formentera AECC since the chapter's founding in 2015. Since December of that year, an oncological psychologist has offered cancer sufferers and their families care that focusses on the emotional, psychological and social components of treatment.

On hand at this morning's presentation, the staff specialist in charge of the service, Pablo Rodríguez, put the number of people helped to date at between 30 and 40. Appointments are available Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Formentera hospital. Also with support from AECC, a social worker who is also a cancer specialist has provided a weekly support service for the last three months in the Casal d'Entitats.