

# Welcome to the Gynae-oncology Multidisciplinary Team

Gynaecology

## Who is this information for?

This leaflet contains information about the gynae-oncology multidisciplinary team who will be looking after you. It has been written to help you understand more about the services available to you.

## What is a Gynae-oncology Multidisciplinary Team?

A multidisciplinary team is a specialist team of health professionals who together decide your diagnosis, care and treatment. One or more of the consultants looking after you will take overall responsibility for your care. The team usually meets once a week to discuss patients with suspected and diagnosed cancer in their care. Your case will be discussed at various times in the multidisciplinary team meeting.

The multidisciplinary team, is made up of the following members:

### **Consultant Gynaecologist**

A consultant gynaecologist will perform your operation. Your progress will be monitored by your gynaecologist after your operation and / or any other treatments you may require.

### **Consultant Radiologist**

A consultant radiologist specialises in diagnosing your cancer from tests such as CT scans and X-rays. Together with the rest of the multidisciplinary team, he helps decide your treatment plan.

### **Consultant Histopathologist**

A consultant histopathologist confirms the type of cancer you have from specimens that have been taken.

### **Consultant Oncologist**

A consultant oncologist specialises in treating cancer with chemotherapy and / or radiotherapy. You may or may not be referred to an oncologist for treatment.

### **Clinical Nurse Specialist / Advanced Nurse Practitioner**

A clinical nurse specialist provides information, advice and support during your diagnosis and treatment and is involved in the management of your care.

### **Research Nurse / Radiographer**

A research nurse is involved in the management of patients taking part in clinical trials. You may or may not be referred to a research nurse for information about a clinical trial.

**The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.**

- Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111
- Keep the environment clean and tidy
- Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.

### **Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator**

A team coordinator organises the weekly / fortnightly meetings and ensures the smooth running of the team, your care and your treatment plan.

### **Additional Team Members**

You may or may not be referred to other members of the multi-disciplinary team. This will depend on your individual needs and symptoms. Some of the other members of the multidisciplinary team that you may meet are:

- Dietician
- Physiotherapist
- Palliative care team
- Social worker
- Occupational therapist.

## **What can I expect from my multidisciplinary team?**

- To be given written information to take away and read about my care and treatment
- To be able to request a copy of the consultation at which your diagnosis and treatment options were discussed.
- To be offered access to a specialist nurse when informed of my diagnosis
- To agree a treatment plan jointly with my consultant
- To be able to request a second opinion about my diagnosis and treatment plan
- To have my GP kept up to date with my care and treatment
- To be informed of local and national support services.

## **Will my confidentiality be protected?**

All aspects of information regarding your tests, diagnosis and treatment plan will be treated in a confidential manner. Only members of the multidisciplinary team and other health professionals that it is thought necessary will have knowledge of your diagnosis and treatment.

## **Will my data be protected?**

Anonymised data is sent to relevant national organisations such as the Department of Health. This is in accordance with national data requirements and the Data Protection Act 1998.

## **What is a 'keyworker'?**

A 'key worker' is a member of the multidisciplinary team who is your named contact within the team and takes a key role in coordinating your care and treatment. Your 'key worker' can be any member of the team but is usually the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) / Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

## **Who should I contact for advice and support?**

During normal working hours (9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday), please contact your Clinical Nurse Specialists:

### **Alison Cooke or Sandeep Gosal**

Gynaecology Ward

Telephone number 01902 695164. Please leave a short message on the answerphone if they are not there.

If you need medical advice about your treatment or its side effects outside normal working hours, please contact the Gynaecology Ward on 01902 694034 and ask to speak to the nurse in charge.

# Where can I get more information?

## National support services

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Macmillan is a national charity providing telephone advice and free written information on cancer and support services.

Telephone 0808 8080000

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

### **Cancer Help UK**

Cancer Help UK is a website providing information on cancer and clinical trials.

[www.cancerresearch.uk.org/cancerhelp](http://www.cancerresearch.uk.org/cancerhelp)

## Local support

### **The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre at New Cross Hospital**

Located near Greggs in the hospital main corridor location zone C, location number C1

Open 10am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Tel 01902 695234

### **Gynaecological Oncology Centre at Wolverhampton (GOCW)**

Website about the services provided by the team at New Cross

[www.royalwolverhamptonhospitals.nhs.uk/gocw](http://www.royalwolverhamptonhospitals.nhs.uk/gocw)

## Site specific websites

### **Ovacome (Ovarian Cancer Support Group)**

Telephone 020 7380 9589

[www.ovacome.org.uk](http://www.ovacome.org.uk)

### **Target Ovarian Cancer**

Telephone 02079235470

[www.targetovarian.org.uk](http://www.targetovarian.org.uk)

### **Jo's Trust (Cervical Cancer Support Group)**

[www.jotrust.co.uk](http://www.jotrust.co.uk)

### **Vaco (Vulval Awareness Charity Organisation)**

Telephone 0161 747 5911

## English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

## Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

## Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

## Punjabi

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## Romanian

Dacă aveți nevoie de informații în alt format, ca de exemplu caractere ușor de citit sau altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

## Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。