



**Mid Cheshire Hospitals**  
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# The Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist Service

Important information for patients



The aim of this leaflet is to help you understand how the Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist can help support people with lung cancer, or those who are thought to have lung cancer.

## **What is the role of a Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist?**

The Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist is an experienced nurse with specialist training who provides support and advice to people who:

- are undergoing investigations
- may have lung cancer
- may have a relative who has lung cancer
- have questions or concerns about lung cancer.

The nurse is a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Team involved in the care and treatment of people with lung cancer. As your Key Worker the Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist is responsible for co-ordinating your care, and your first point of contact if you have any problems.

Some areas where they may be able to help you include:

### **Symptom Control**

Helping you to find the best way to manage problems you may have, such as difficulty with breathing, coughing or pain.

### **Benefits advice**

Providing simple advice about benefits you may be able to claim, and helping with forms. If necessary the nurse can also put you in contact with a benefits advisor.

### **Explaining your illness and treatments**

Answering your questions and providing you with as much information as you require, so that you can take part in discussions about your care if you wish to.

## **Emotional Support**

Dealing with a diagnosis, or potential diagnosis of cancer can be very difficult and raise many concerns. You may find it helpful to discuss how you are feeling and any concerns you may have with your Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist.

### **Helping to co-ordinate your care**

Talking with the doctors, nurses and other health care professionals involved in your care both in hospital and the community, to ensure you receive the most appropriate care.

## **How can I access the Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist?**

Referrals can be made by any health or social care worker involved in your care with your permission, or you can contact the Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists yourself on 01270 612598. The nurses are available 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays).

If the nurse is not available, please leave a message on the telephone answering machine with your name and telephone number. All messages will be responded to as quickly as possible, although this may not always be the same day.

If you have an urgent medical problem you should ring your GP surgery. If the surgery is closed there will be an answer phone message telling you who you should get in touch with.

If you are a patient receiving chemotherapy please ring your 24 hour chemotherapy hotline number which can be found in the back of your red book.

## Useful Contact Details

### Macmillan Lung Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists Leighton Hospital

Telephone: 01270 612598

Email: [macmillanlungcancerteam@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:macmillanlungcancerteam@mcht.nhs.uk)

### Macmillan Cancer Support Service, Leighton Hospital

Telephone: 01270 273603

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Telephone: 0808 808 00 00

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

### Roy Castle Lung Foundation

Telephone: 0333 323 7200

[www.roycastle.org](http://www.roycastle.org)

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