

Urology Macmillan Support Worker

Patient Information

The Richmond Urology Unit



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What is the role of the Urology Macmillan Support Worker?

The Urology Macmillan Support Worker is part of the Urology Team, working alongside the Urology Clinical Nurse Specialist (key worker) and providing a service to patients and their families who have been given the diagnosis of a urological cancer. This includes prostate, bladder, kidney, penile and testicular cancers.

The Support Worker provides support to the team and other relevant healthcare professionals by dealing with simple tasks, to allow the registered practitioners to focus on managing patients complex care needs.

The Urology Macmillan Support Worker interacts directly with people affected by an urological cancer, providing emotional and practical support, either face-to-face, by telephone or email. We realise that this can be a worrying time for patients and a Support Worker can help to ease this worry. The Support Worker can help patients affected by cancer to access existing support within the community.

The Macmillan Support Worker will also complete a Holistic Needs Assessment, which is an assessment that is completed alongside the patient to highlight any worries or concerns.

The support worker can offer:

- Direct contact to the Urology service
- Referral to other services as needs require
- Support group meeting
- Health and well-being events
- Holistic Needs Assessment
- Comfort calls for emotional support
- Providing basic advice and support for self-management

How to contact the Urology Support Worker

The Urology Support Worker is based in

Richmond Urology Unit
First Floor, Hanover Diagnostic and Treatment Centre
Leigh Infirmary
The Avenue
Leigh
WN7 1HS

Telephone: **01942 264947**

Out of hours, please contact your GP/District Nurse

OR

Wigan GP Alliance (to book an appointment with a GP, Nurse or Health Care Assistant from 6:30pm until 10:00pm) 01942482848 between 8am-8pm

OR

Out of Hours, call 111 (when it is less than an emergency)

Other Information

Macmillan Information and Support Centre

Cancer Care Centre

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Wigan Lane

Wigan

WN4 2NN

01942 822760

We provide a fantastic network, offering practical, emotional and financial support and information for patients and their families.

Macmillan Cancer Support

0808 808 0000

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Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm)

The Patient Relations/PALS Manager
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary
Wigan Lane
Wigan
WN1 2NN

Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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