

Patient Information

Cancer Services

Information for you: Brain Tumours

Patients diagnosed with cancer are allocated a keyworker - a Clinical Nurse Specialist whose role is to provide continuity of care and support and who is a member of the Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT). Your keyworker will be one of the **Macmillan Neuro-Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialists**; Ian Edwards or Sharon Sullivan. Tel: 024 7696 5326.

You and your family may require information on your condition, possible treatments and living with cancer. This leaflet signposts you to staff and services that can give you this further information and support.

Your **Clinical Nurse Specialists** can give you information specific to your condition but if they are not available it can be obtained from the **Macmillan Cancer Information Centre**.

The Macmillan Cancer Information Centre is in the hospital's main entrance. You do not need an appointment to call in, alternatively you may prefer to telephone to discuss your needs. Information can be sent to you – contact details below. We can point you towards reliable Internet sites and provide free information including:

Condition and treatments

- Information about specific types of brain tumours
- Information about treatment like radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- Information about individual or combination chemotherapy drugs
- Information about steroids



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Symptom control

- Coping with fatigue
- Coping with hair loss
- Controlling nausea and vomiting
- Controlling the symptoms of cancer

Emotional issues

- Talking about your cancer
- Emotional effects of cancer
- Talking to children about cancer

Practical issues

- Travel and cancer
- Work and cancer
- Financial information
- Relationship issues

Social care issues

- Carers information
- Social services information
- Other charities contact details
- Macmillan Citizens' Advice Bureau (024 7625 2050)

Hospital Information contacts

Arden Centre: 024 7696 7304/ 7272

Macmillan Cancer Information Centre: 024 7696 6052

The centre offers free support, practical advice and information to anyone affected by cancer. No appointment is needed or you can telephone - an answering machine facility is available. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm (not bank holidays); the centre is located on the ground floor in the main entrance.

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Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau: 024 7625 2050

Coventry CAB offers advice on benefits and other related financial issues to cancer patients and their carers attending University Hospital irrespective of where they live. You will need to book an appointment on the number above to be seen by a member of staff.

Advice Bureau may also be available where you live and this may be more convenient – ask in the Macmillan Cancer Information Centre for details of your nearest service.

Hospital car parking

Patients receiving ongoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy as an outpatient will receive free car parking and some patients may be entitled to reimbursement if they receive certain benefits – please ask for details.

Free prescriptions

Patients diagnosed with cancer or still affected by side effects of disease or treatment are entitled to free prescriptions, please ask about an exemption certificate.

National information sources:

If you cannot access the internet, please contact the Macmillan Cancer Information Centre, where they will help you to obtain the relevant information.

Brain Tumour Action: 0131 466 3116 / www.braintumouraction.org.uk

The Brain Tumour Charity 0808 800 0004 / www.thebraintumourcharity.org

Cancer Research UK: 0808 800 4040 / <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/>

Changing faces: 0300 012 0275 / www.changingfaces.org.uk

Epilepsy Action: 0808 800 5050 / www.epilepsy.org.uk

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Brain Tumour Support: 0845 450 1039 / www.braintumoursupport.co.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support: 0808 808 00 00 / www.macmillan.org.uk

Lines open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 8.00pm

Coventry Warwickshire and Worcestershire Cancer User Involvement Group

This is not a support group but a group which gives those affected by cancer a voice to ensure that actual, rather than perceived client needs are met. The group meets regularly and works in partnership with the NHS, acting in the public's best interest. You can choose how much you would like to become involved. For more information

email: chair@cwwusers.co.uk or contact Aphra Tulip on 07805 045759.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 5330 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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