

Patient Information

## **Neuro-oncology Service**

# **Welcome to the Neuro Oncology Nurse Specialists**

### **Introduction**

To support patients with brain tumours and central nervous system tumours (this includes both benign and malignant disease), University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust have appointed three nurses to act as specialists for both patients and their carers.

### **Which group of patients does this cover?**

This includes any patients with a diagnosis of a tumour of the Central Nervous System.

### **Who are we?**

Ian Edwards, Sharon Sullivan and Rachael Deaves.

We are part of a multi-disciplinary team that will look after your care. Our team are experienced nurses in neuro oncology, neuro surgery and neuro rehab.

### **How can we help?**

We will act as your key worker whilst you are under the care of the consultants here at University Hospital.

As key workers we will provide you with information on your disease such as investigations, procedures and treatment options, as well as your care within the community. We will liaise closely with your GP, district nurses, Macmillan nurses and any other care agencies in an attempt to optimise your care.



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### **If I need surgery what happens next?**

It will take approximately 10 working days until we receive your written histology.

You will be contacted by phone and if needed and will be invited back to the hospital with a family member or friend to discuss your results.

Pending the outcome of your results your care will be discussed at MDT (multi-disciplinary team) we will refer you to a further consultant if required.

### **Driving**

You must not drive; it is against the law. Your insurance is invalid.

We would strongly advise you to contact the DVLA. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/brain-tumour-and-driving> for further information.

### **Other services**

We will ensure that you are given the opportunity to access any other services which you feel you may benefit from. This may include traditional services such as district nurse teams and Macmillan support.

We work closely with neuro rehab, Macmillan services, Arden service, the Brain Tumour Charity, Citizens Advice and many other services.

If you would like further information about your care, symptoms, or other voluntary support agencies, please contact the nurse specialists.

### **Information**

The nurse specialists are able to provide information directly, during ward visits, nurse led clinics, and 'on treatment' reviews. There is also a telephone service and voice-mail.

We aim to see all patients within the hospital or clinic setting.

## How can you contact us?

We are available: Monday to Friday, **8.00am – 4.30pm**

Telephone **024 7696 5326 or 024 7696 7466**

If we are not in the office please leave a message with your name and telephone number. We will get back to you as soon as possible. We try to do this within 24 hours during the working week.

If you are at home and need **urgent** assistance please call your GP or the emergency services.

For details of other sources of local and national information please ask for the leaflet: 'Information for You: Brain Tumours'

The trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, we will do our best to meet your needs. Please tel. 024 7696 6475.

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