

Support services for patients with endometrial cancer

Information for patients/relatives/carers

The aim of this leaflet is to provide information and details of support services available to people diagnosed with endometrial cancer.

What is the gynaecology multi-disciplinary team (MDT)?

This is a team of healthcare professionals who specialise in the treatment and care of women with a diagnosis of a gynaecology cancer.

The team consists of clinical nurse specialists and doctors. They work alongside each other to ensure all your care is planned and put into place by a specialist team.

Cancer consultants

The gynaecology consultants involved in cancer care are:

- Miss Nivedita Dass
- Mr Dudill

The consultant you saw today was: _____

Cancer nurse specialists (CNS)

The gynaecology CNS team are available for patients who are being treated for a gynaecology cancer and their relatives/ carers.

The CNS team will be your key workers and will ensure support and information is available for you and your family at all stages of your treatment pathway.

A CNS is available to talk to you and your family about any aspect of the disease or treatment options given to you by the consultant. They will provide emotional support and counselling should you or your family need it.

They will also arrange further consultations with the doctor should you or they feel it necessary. Additionally, they will liaise with your GP to help with ongoing care in the community.

The gynaecology cancer nurse specialists are:

- Sam Allen
- Sarah Halsall.

The gynaecology cancer care coordinator is Alison Wright.

Their main contact number is 01623 622515, extension 3073.

The gynaecology nursing team work Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays).

Please leave a message on the answerphone at times when they are unavailable, and your call will be returned within the next working day.

You may be referred to other healthcare professionals. The team are there to ensure support is available for you and your family at all stages of your pathway. They will help you cope with the illness and symptom control and help with care at home.

Following your consultation

You will be sent a copy of your letter. This is a summary of the consultation in which your diagnosis and treatment options were discussed. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your key workers.

Please also write down any questions you may have as your key workers will be able to answer these and provide any further information you may require.

Social care

Please talk to your key workers if you or your family/carers have concerns regarding:

- Financial problems
- Benefit rights
- Difficulty managing household tasks
- Emotional and psychological difficulties.

You can request to be referred to a social worker, benefits advice officer, counsellor, or an occupational therapist, dependent on your needs. Your key workers will arrange this.

Free prescriptions are offered to patients who are under the age of 60 with a cancer diagnosis. Please ask your key workers about this.

Where will I be seen?

You will generally be seen at King's Mill Hospital, unless your consultant discusses with you about being referred to Nottingham University Hospitals.

You and your family/carers can ask to discuss any concerns or problems relating to your treatment pathway with members of the MDT. This will be arranged by your key workers.

Wards

You will be admitted to either Ward 14 or the Day Case Unit for your surgery. Most patients will be discharged within 24 hours. This will be discussed with you by your surgeon prior to admission.

Chemotherapy

If you require chemotherapy, it will be given at King's Mill Hospital or Nottingham City Hospital.

Prior to your treatment you will meet with the chemotherapy nurse who will give you in-depth information and advice and support you throughout your treatment.

If your chemotherapy is to be administered at Nottingham City Hospital, you will be given their contact details.

Radiotherapy

Radiotherapy, if required, is given at Nottingham City Hospital.

Members of the radiotherapy team will give you information and support. They can be contacted on 01159 627976.

Clinical trials

You may be asked to take part in a clinical trial. If you have not been asked, it may be because there are no clinical trials you would currently be eligible for. You can, however, ask at any point to be considered for up-and-coming clinical trials.

You have the right to decline to take part or withdraw from a trial at any time.

Personalised follow-up

Following your primary treatment, the most appropriate follow-up approach will be discussed and agreed with you.

This may result in you having no regular follow-up appointments booked, however, you will be able to contact us if you have any concerns, enabling you to have rapid access back into the service.

More detailed information will be provided, and the full pathway explained at a three-month review following your primary treatment. An information leaflet will also be provided with all the key information you need to know.

Information included in this pack as part of your information prescription:

- Understanding Womb (Endometrial) Cancer
- Macmillan Holistic Needs Assessment (planning your care and support)
- Look Good, Feel Better
- National Disease Registration Service – Cancer Registration
- Research and Innovation
- Macmillan Beyond Diagnosis Cancer Support – Nottinghamshire Walking Groups
- Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre at King's Mill Hospital
- Get The Support You Need
- Macmillan Money and Work Service
- Prescription Exemption
- Macmillan Beyond Diagnosis Gateway.

Useful contacts:

- Cancer Care Map Directory
(to discover cancer support services available in the area)
Website: <https://www.cancercaremap.org/>
- Macmillan Cancer Information and Support (King's Mill Hospital)
Tel: 01623 622515, extension 6499. Website: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>
- Maggie's Centre – Nottingham City Hospital. Tel: 0115 9246210
Website: <https://www.maggiescentres.org/our-centres/maggies-nottingham>
- Go Girls Support Group
Tel: 01305 255719 or 07780 467061. Website: <http://www.gogirlssupport.org>

Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions

Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

King's Mill Hospital: 01623 672222

Newark Hospital: 01636 685692

Email: sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net.

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