

Macmillan Skin Cancer Nurse Specialist

Who are the Macmillan Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists?

We are Maggie Curtis and Julie Anthony, Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists. We are registered nurses with enhanced professional education and training in cancer care. We will also be known as your **KEY WORKER**.

We are based at the Queen Victoria Hospital within the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Unit (MASCU). We work within the outpatient department but also review skin cancer patients admitted to the wards.

What do I do if I need support and information?

Having a cancer diagnosis can be a traumatic personal experience for you and those close to you.

You may be feeling many different emotions at this time, such as:

- disbelief
- shock
- anger
- fear
- uncertainty

People cope with such feelings in different ways. If you would like to talk to somebody about how you are feeling, your worries and anxieties, then we are available to listen. We can provide an opportunity to talk about and clarify information you have been given, offer advice and help you find further information and discuss treatment options.

From the start of the investigatory and diagnostic stages, through treatment and during aftercare, support is available to you, your partner, family and/or carers.

Helping to control your symptoms

There may be times during your disease or whilst having treatment when you have a problem with physical or psychological symptoms. There are many ways of relieving symptoms, including medication, and we will discuss the range of options available to you.

Who are the multidisciplinary team?

The multidisciplinary team (MDT) consists of dermatologists, plastic surgeons, oncologists, radiologist, pathologist, nurses and other healthcare professionals, who all have specialist training and experience in the diagnosis, care and treatment of skin cancers. The MDT holds a weekly meeting to discuss the most appropriate treatment for skin cancer patients.

As **Keyworkers**, we work closely with all members of the MDT. We also liaise with GPs, district nurses and other healthcare providers, ensuring that appropriate support is available to you in the community.

About Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Cancer Support improves the lives of people affected by cancer. It is a UK charity supporting people with cancer and their families with specialist information, treatment and care. It works closely with the NHS and others to develop and pioneer a network of services for people with cancer, working together so that standards of treatment and care can be improved for everyone.

Macmillan Cancer Support's aim is to ensure that everyone has access to the best information, treatment and care, which will make people's lives easier and reduce unnecessary levels of anxiety.

How to contact the Macmillan skin cancer nurse specialists

We are based at the Queen Victoria Hospital. If we are away from our desk when you call, please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Maggie Curtis & Julie Anthony

Macmillan Skin Cancer Nurse Specialists

Tel: 01342 306660 (direct line)

We are usually available between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday

Further contacts and support

Macmillan Information and Support Centre, Queen Victoria Hospital

Tel: 01342 414369

Email: cancer.information@qvh.nhs.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support

Tel: 0808 808 0000

Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

South East Coast Strategic Clinical Network - Wessex Cancer Trust

Tel: 01722 415071

Website: www.wessexcancer.org.uk

Cancer Research UK

Tel: 0300 123 1022

Website: www.cancerresearchuk.org

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