

# Your Thyroid Cancer Nurse Specialist

Information for patients

The role of the nurse specialist is to provide information and support from diagnosis through treatment for both patients and carers.

## *Areas of help include:*

- Information and advice about thyroid cancer.
- Acting as your key worker (see below).
- Help with symptoms and side-effects of treatment e.g. radioiodine, radiotherapy and other targeted treatments given as tablets.
- Referral to other services when required and provide a link between other members of the multidisciplinary team.
- Emotional support in dealing with diagnosis.

## **Key worker**

Your key worker will be the main point of contact for you during and after your treatment. It is not unusual for your key worker to change throughout your care pathway. If at any point we feel that it is more appropriate for another member of the team to be your key worker we will discuss this with you.



## Your Key Worker is:

Name:.....

Contact number:..... Date:...../...../.....

## Contacting your Nurse Specialist

**Kathy Cooke, Thyroid Nurse Specialist** Monday-Friday 8am-4pm  
**Tel: 0113 206 7724**

An answerphone is available, please leave a message with your name and telephone number if there is no-one there to take your call. Calls will be returned as soon as possible. Please do not leave emergency messages as calls may not be answered the same day. If you need urgent advice please contact your GP.

## National Contact Numbers

### British Thyroid Foundation

**Tel: 01423 810 093**

**web: [www.bft-thyroid.org](http://www.bft-thyroid.org)**

### Butterfly Thyroid Cancer Trust

This is a voluntary group based in Newcastle for patients affected by thyroid cancer. It is a patient led group.

**Tel: 01207 545 469**

**web: [www.butterfly.org.uk](http://www.butterfly.org.uk)**

### Support for patients with Medullary Thyroid Cancer AMEND (Association for Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Disorders)

**Email: [info@amend.org.uk](mailto:info@amend.org.uk)**

**Tel: 01892 516076**

### Macmillan Cancer Support

**Freephone 0808 808 0000**

**web: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)**

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