

Cancer of Unknown Primary Team

Information for patients



Leeds Cancer
Centre

A primary cancer refers to where a cancer has started. The cancer type is usually named after the part of the body where it first started to grow. For example, a cancer that starts in the lung is called a primary lung cancer.

Cancer of unknown primary (CUP) means that your doctor is not sure where the cancer started. They have found a secondary cancer but have not been able to find the primary tumour at this stage. This is when the Cancer of the unknown primary team will become involved in your care. We are a specialist team that will help to try and identify where the primary cancer may have started. This is usually by carrying out further investigations such as specialist blood tests, further scans or by trying to obtain a tissue diagnosis (carrying out a biopsy).

Once these further investigations have taken place, we can usually locate the primary cancer and you will then be referred to the team that looks after that type of cancer. Sometimes, despite us carrying out these additional investigations, we are still not able to find the primary cancer. In this case, you will remain under the care the CUP team and they will discuss with you any treatment options that may be available and provide further support.

The CUP team are here to support you and can offer:

- Information about your cancer, investigations, treatment options and future care.
- Support for you and your family
- Referrals to the neighbourhood nursing team, palliative care team and other teams that can offer advice and support including information on finances

We will keep you updated throughout but should you need any further information/ support, below are our contact details:

- **Sinead Kelly** - Clinical Nurse Specialist/Key worker
- **Lynne Gough** - Acute Oncology/CUP service co-ordinator
- **Dr Alison Young** - Consultant
- **Dr Gemma Dart** - Specialty Registrar

Contact number: **0113 206 8881** Available Monday - Friday
8am - 4pm

Urgent contact information

If you need urgent advice outside office hours (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm) please ring the switchboard on **0113 243 3144** and ask for the oncology bleep holder. It may take a few minutes to be connected.

Useful organisations and contact numbers

Leeds Cancer Support

Leeds Cancer Support complements the care that is being provided by your clinical team. They offer access to information and a wide range of support in a welcoming environment for you, your family and friends.

They can be found in the information lounges in Bexley Wing (level 1) and also in the purpose built Sir Robert Ogden centre.



The Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre

The Centre is on the St James's Hospital site and offers a variety of support services including health and wellbeing therapies. These therapies can include Acupuncture, Relaxation and virtual mindfulness. You can just drop in for a coffee and a chat anytime.

Open from 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Tel: (0113) 206 6498

Maggie's Centre

Maggie's is a warm, welcoming place where you can meet people who are experiencing similar things to you. They run a number of support groups and you can access advice and information from the health professionals that work there. You don't need an appointment to call in and all support is free.

Open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm, St James's Hospital (next to the multi storey car park), Alma Street, Leeds LS9 7BE

Tel: (0113) 427 8364

Email: leeds@maggiescentres.org

Website: www.maggies.org

National Support Organisations

Macmillan Cancer Support

Freephone 0800 808 00 00, every day 8am - 8pm

Website: www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer Research UK

Website: www.cancerresearchuk.org

CUP Foundation - Jo's friends

An independent charity that offers information and support to CUP patients, their families and friends.

Website: www.cupfoundjo.org



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