

Neuro-oncology Nursing Service for Primary Brain Tumours

Information for patients



Being diagnosed with a brain or spinal tumour can turn people's lives upside down. It can lead to feelings of isolation and life may seem out of control. Many different problems affect patients in this situation.

Your Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Clinical Nurse Specialists are here to offer support and information to you and your relatives from the time when you are first diagnosed with a brain tumour. I work as part of a team, working closely with your Neurosurgeon.

My contact details are:

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Monday - Thursday and alternate Friday mornings

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I am based at St James's Hospital. There is an answerphone service for messages which are checked daily. I will always return your call, though this may not be the same day. Please leave your name and telephone number.

*Please do not leave urgent messages on this answerphone.
If you need urgent medical advice please contact your GP.*

How I may help you

- Provide ongoing advice and information on primary brain tumours.
- Advice and information on other aspects such as seizures, fatigue, travel insurance, wig information, financial concerns etc.
- Providing continuing support for you and your family during and after treatment acting as your key-worker (see information below).
- We work closely with other health care professionals involved in your care and/or treatment, referring you to their service when required, eg physiotherapists, occupational therapists.
- Advice and information about other treatments that may be used such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy, and their side effects.

Key-worker

As your key-worker we are a main point of contact for you during and after your treatment, for information, advice and support. We also communicate with other healthcare professionals involved with your care, informing them and updating them on any relevant changes.

If at any point during your treatment or after we feel that a member of your local community team is more appropriate to be your key-worker then we will discuss this with you. It is not unusual for your key-worker to change throughout your care pathway, this depends on your individual basis.

Your GP, District Nurse or Community Therapist may become your key-worker in the future.

Your key-worker name and contact number

Please note: Your key-worker is not an emergency contact number

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