

Patient information factsheet

Macmillan cancer support workers (lung cancer)

We've written this factsheet to explain who our Macmillan cancer support workers are and how we can help support you and your family after a cancer diagnosis. We hope it will help to answer some of the questions you may have. If you would like more information about our service or how we can support you, please speak to a member of our team, or to your cancer nurse specialist or consultant.

Who are we?

We work as part of the cancer care team alongside registered practitioners to improve care for people with cancer.

Our role is different from cancer nurse specialists, who help guide you through the clinical aspects of your care. We offer more practical support, such as signposting to other helpful services and making enquiries on your behalf, to help make your journey through treatment and beyond as smooth as possible.

How can we help you?

We can:

- support you emotionally and provide a listening ear – you may find it helpful to talk to us about any concerns and fears you may have around your treatment and diagnosis, for example

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- provide information about financial support and other practical assistance available to you
- offer advice and information about your general wellbeing, including adjustments to your diet and help with any issues you may have sleeping
- ensure your religious and spiritual beliefs are respected while you are being cared for by UHS
- assist with decisions about your care

Identifying your concerns questionnaire

If you haven't already done so, please complete the 'Identifying your concerns' questionnaire at the back of this pack. Your answers will help us to identify any areas where you might benefit from some additional support from us.

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please call us using the number below, or speak to your cancer nurse specialist or consultant.

Telephone: **023 8120 8660**

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