

Patient information factsheet

Southampton adult cancer centre wig fitting service

This leaflet provides information about the adult wig fitting service at the Southampton cancer centre.

Treatment with some chemotherapy drugs and radiotherapy to the head can cause hair loss. Your nurse, doctor or radiographer will discuss this with you if it is likely to occur as a result of your treatment.

The prospect of hair loss as a result of cancer treatment can be very distressing. The staff at the Macmillan Centre are here to support you, so please feel free to talk to them and ask any questions that you may have. The centre also has written information available.

If you are receiving treatment that causes hair loss here at University Hospital Southampton it is possible to have a wig from the Southampton cancer care wig service, if you wish. This can be arranged by appointment at the Macmillan Centre on Tuesdays or at Talking Heads, a hair salon in Eastleigh.

Southampton cancer care will supply a £103.40 appliance request form towards your first acrylic wig.

To obtain a wig you need:

- a referral form from your nurse or radiographer
- to book an appointment, either at the Macmillan Centre on **023 8120 6037** or the Talking Heads hair salon on **023 8065 1102**

You can also get information about scarves, turbans and bandana suppliers at the Macmillan Centre. They have examples that you can try on and contact details for the best suppliers.

If you want more than one wig, you can still use the Southampton service to buy one. Please call us to make an appointment.

Alternatively, many department stores sell wigs and you can contact the Wig Bank using the following details.

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Contact details

Macmillan Centre
B level
East Wing
Southampton General Hospital

Telephone: **023 8120 6037**
Please ask for an appointment with Amanda Barker.

Talking Heads
2 Doncaster Road
Eastleigh
SO50 5QR

Telephone: **023 8065 1102**
Please ask for an appointment with Dawn Atkins.

Wig Bank
Website: www.wigbank.com
Email: info@wigbank.com
Telephone: **013 1336 5100**

Chemotherapy reception: **023 8120 4656**
Radiotherapy reception: **023 8120 8568**

You could also visit www.macmillan.org.uk or cancerresearchuk.org and search for 'hair loss' for more useful information.

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