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Information leaflet

Community Macmillan Specialist
Palliative Care Team

Helping people to be
the best they can be

About the service

We provide support and information to people with cancer and other life limiting illnesses. We also provide support for family members, friends and carers.

We believe in offering fair and impartial specialist palliative care which is not dependent on age, gender, disease process, ethnicity or cultural or religious backgrounds.

Macmillan specialist palliative care nurses do not provide 'hands on' care but act as a source of advice and support either directly, in people's homes, or to other healthcare professionals.

Therapists work to maximise function and enable patients to remain in their own homes where possible.

Anyone registered with a GP in West Cheshire can ask to be referred into the service.

Aims of the service

- Provide advice and support to patients in the community who have been diagnosed with cancer or another life limiting condition with the focus on improving the quality of life.
- Monitor individual patients to effectively control their symptoms, be these physical, psychological or spiritual (disease or treatment related)
- To provide a link between care agencies and the home e.g. hospital, hospice or community services

Services offered to patients

- Advice and support
- Patient advocacy
- Information about cancer treatments and the disease process
- Advice on symptom control
- Support in future care planning
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy

Who is in the team?

The community Macmillan specialist palliative care team is made up of a number of healthcare professionals including:

- Consultant
- Clinical nurse specialist in palliative care
- Occupational therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Therapy assistant
- Care Coordinator / Administrator

Contact number for the service

- 01244 397234 – Nurses
- 01244 397356 – Therapy

Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays)

For advice outside these hours please phone your GP and follow the recorded instructions.

The nurse/therapist who visited you today was:

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