

Information and support for colorectal cancer patients















This leaflet has been written to give you information about the extra support we can give you on your arrival at Weston Park Hospital for your treatment and/or follow up.

At Weston Park Hospital we have a team of people who are trained and experienced in supporting people who have cancer. This includes Katie Ward, our Clinical Nurse Specialist.

What are Clinical Nurse Specialists?

Clinical Nurse Specialists are nurses who are specially trained to give care and support, in this case, to patients with colorectal cancer.

What do Clinical Nurse Specialists do?

These nurses can offer you and the people close to you a range of help and support.

This includes:

- Providing emotional support and time to talk over your concerns and worries.
- Giving support to your family and carers.
- Providing information and advice about the treatment you will be receiving.
- Giving help and advice about coping with any side effects of your treatment.
- Identifying other specialised professionals or organisations that may be able to give you further support and information at Weston Park Hospital.
- Acting as a link between hospital and home.
- Being your hospital contact even after you have gone home.

What do I do if I want this kind of support?

You can get in touch with Katie Ward, Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm

0114 226 5509

If there is no reply from the telephone, then please leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Other organisations you may find helpful:

Weston Park Cancer Centre Lots of patient information and useful videos about chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Also information about PICC lines.

www.westonparkcancercentre.nhs.uk

Weston Park Cancer Support Centre

- www.cancersupportcentre.co.uk
- 0114 553 3330

Macmillan Cancer Support

- www.macmillan.org.uk
- **0808 808 0000** (Freephone)

Bowel Cancer UK

- www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk
- 020 7940 1760



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