

The Beacon Community Macmillan Nurse

Local expert care and support

**The Beacon
Specialist Community Cancer &
Palliative Care Service**



Covering Guildford & Waverley PCT, Blackwater Valley & Hart PCTs

The Beacon Community Macmillan Nurse Specialists

Who we are

We are a team of NHS Clinical Nurse Specialists who work in the local community providing specialist advice and support for people coping with cancer from the time of diagnosis onwards and for those with life changing progressive illnesses.

We have expertise in the management of pain and other symptoms which may be associated with the illness or treatment.

We can provide advice, information and support to help people cope with a new diagnosis, during treatment, a recurrence or relapse and care needed in later stage illness.

We work as part of a team with our specialist health care colleagues at The Beacon within Guildford and Waverley, Blackwater Valley and Hart.

How we can help

We provide local care for local people and their families from the time of diagnosis onwards. This includes:

- Providing information to help with decisions and choices.
- Providing clinical expertise to advise on the management of pain and other complex symptoms.
- Giving opportunities for questions to be asked and issues or concerns to be discussed

Helping to develop strategies to assist coping with change and illness.

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How we work

We are a small team based at The Beacon Centre in Guildford. We work closely with GPs, Community Nurses and other health care professionals in the local area to help support people at home and in Community Hospitals.

Once we have received a referral one of us will make contact by telephone and will offer an appointment to see you either at home, at The Beacon or during your stay at one of the local Community Hospitals.

During the first consultation we will give you the names of the other Community Macmillan Nurses working within our team, so that you can be reassured that during the working week, concerns can be raised with a familiar person in the team.

Subsequent contact by a Community Macmillan Nurse Specialist will be discussed with you and your Community Nurse so that this is centred around the care and support required.

How to access us

- You can telephone us on 01483 783423 Monday—Friday between 9am—4.30pm
- You can telephone The Beacon Centre on 01483 783400 and ask for a message to be left for the Macmillan team.
- If your call is after 5pm or at the weekend and is urgent, please contact your GP or Community Nurse for advice.
- You can ask a health care professional to refer you to The Beacon. Please speak with your GP, Community Nurse or a member of the Hospital team.

The Beacon is your local specialist Service which provides a positive approach to living with cancer and progressive life changing illnesses.

Expert health care professionals provide support and information within the friendly and relaxing atmosphere of The Beacon Centre and at home.

The Beacon can help you and your family to cope at any point during your treatment or illness, from the time of diagnosis onwards.

The Beacon

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