



Royal Berkshire
NHS Foundation Trust

Introduction to the Breast Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you and your family or friends with information about the multi disciplinary team (MDT) involved in your care at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. There are also some useful telephone numbers and website addresses which you may find helpful.

The Multi Disciplinary Team

It is the policy of the MDT that all patients with a new diagnosis of breast cancer (irrespective of age and stage of the disease) will be discussed at a multi-disciplinary team meeting (MDTM) at the earliest opportunity. At this meeting the team will discuss individual treatment plans and follow-up arrangements to ensure that every patient with cancer receives the best possible care. These meetings will also be an opportunity to discuss difficult cases at any stage during treatment if necessary. The meetings take place weekly.

Who are the breast cancer MDT?

- **Designated lead clinician (chair)** who will take overall responsibility for the service.
- **Designated surgeon(s).**
- **Oncologist** with expertise in radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- **Radiologist** with expertise in looking at tumour sites on an x-ray.
- **Histopathologist** with expertise in looking at the cells of tumour sites from biopsies.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialist (Key Worker)** who will provide information and support for patients.
- **MDT Co-ordinator.**
- **Nurse Practitioners.**
- **Trials Nurse** will provide information to the team on any new trials.

- **Screening Nurse.**
- **Surgical and oncology registrars and junior doctors.**

Useful numbers

Breast Nurse Specialists: 0118 322 7420

Eleanor Kershaw Fiona Ellison Vanesa Lobo
 Sarah Cleaver Maxine Halford Daniela Costescu
 Anna Shinhmar (Macmillan Cancer Support Worker)
 Adelaide Ward 0118 322 7471
 Sonning Ward 0118 322 8204

Consultant Surgeons: 0118 322 6890

Mr Smith (Oncoplastic surgeon)
 Miss Dunne (Oncoplastic surgeon)
 Mr Umeh

Consultant Oncologists:

Dr J Adams 0118 322 8348
 Dr R Brown 0118 322 7558
 Dr M Bhattacharyya 0118 322 6911

Berkshire Cancer Centre 0118 322 7888 (9am–5pm)
 King Edward Ward (Chemo) 0118 322 7464 (8.30am-5pm)
 Chaplains (multi-faith) 0118 322 7105
 Patient Relations Team 0118 322 8338

Support groups

Macmillan Cancer Support

Freephone 0808 808 00 00 www.macmillan.org.uk

Provides information, emotional support and practical advice by telephone or letter. Also provides information in other languages.

Breast Cancer Now

0808 800 6000 <https://breastcancer.org/>

Provides free information and emotional support for cancer patients.

Additional referrals

If you need a referral to any of the following services this can be arranged through either the consultant or the clinical nurse specialist.

- Counsellor
- Physiotherapist
- Macmillan Nurse
- Lymphoedema Specialist

Further information

For more information about the Trust, visit our website

www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

This document can be made available in other languages and formats upon request.

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