

Melanoma Skin Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists Service

Information for patients

We are writing to you to introduce our **Melanoma Skin Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists Service** and to encourage you to contact us if you need any help or support.

Why have I received this letter?

You have received this letter because you have a diagnosis of a Melanoma Cancer and as part of your overall well-being and care, we would like you to know that we are here to help and support.

What do the Melanoma Skin Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists do?

We are here to offer our support, advice, and guidance to you. We work as part of the Melanoma Skin Cancer Multi-Disciplinary team involved in your care.

Our role is to provide a link between the Melanoma Team, yourself, and significant others.

Our aim is to provide you with the support and information you need to remain an informed, in control, and independent individual.

How can the Melanoma Skin Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists help me and my significant others?

Offer support: Sometimes having another conversation with one of our nurses, after your initial diagnosis can relieve any questions or anxieties you or your significant others may have.

Provide information and advice on your:

- Diagnosis
- Treatments
- Clinical Investigations
- Symptom control
- Financial resources
- Community help and support.

How do I contact the Melanoma Skin Cancers Clinical Nurse Specialist?

We are pleased to have a dedicated Cancer Navigation Hub which you can call on free phone number **0300 123 1600**. The Hub can arrange a telephone appointment with one of our nurses or face-to-face appointment in our Nurse Led Clinic should you prefer this. We aim to respond to your call or query as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Cowell-Smith, Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Izzy Lytwyn, Clinical Nurse Specialist

Other useful resources

Visit the websites below or scan the QR codes using your camera on your smart phone:

Macmillan - Improving the Cancer Journey:

www.macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area/local-dashboard/detail/Information%20and%20support%20centres/11261/Lothian-Improving-the-Cancer-Journey---Edinburgh



Maggies Centre:

www.maggies.org/our-centres/maggies-edinburgh/



Melanoma Focus:

<https://melanomafocus.org/>



Cancer Navigation Hub/Single Point of Contact Team: 0300 123 1600