

Local Cancer Support Groups

Patient Information



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Team

Local support groups offer emotional support and practical information to anyone affected by cancer.

Group	Location	Time of meetings	Contact for more information
Breast Cancer Support Group Established group. Welcomes new members. Informal setting. Companionship and support from other people affected by breast cancer. Advice from Specialist Breast Care Nurses.	Thomas Linacre Centre, Parsons Walk, Suite 5	Every 2 nd Tuesday of the month at 6:15pm – 7:45pm January, July, August or December	Breast Care Nurses Telephone: 0300 707 5720
Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Group for Patients Families and Friends	Scotsman's Flash, Poolstock Lane, Wigan, WN3 5BA	Runs from April – June each Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Breast Care Nurses Catherine Jackson Telephone: 01942 774720
Secondary Breast Cancer Support Group “Secondary Breasties” – meet other people living with secondary breast cancer at our informal friendly group.	Wigan Cricket Club Bull Hey Parsons Walk Wigan WN1 1RU	Tuesday afternoon 1-3pm Dates vary	Contact: Kate Tomkinson, Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nicola Dawber, Support Worker for dates and more information. Telephone: 01942 822764
Colorectal and Stoma Support Group Meet colorectal and stoma specialist nurses and fellow patients to share experiences and help each other in a friendly, supportive environment.	St. Judes Rugby Club Keats Avenue Wigan WN3 5UB	Last Thursday of every month. 1-3pm	Please contact colorectal nurses on Telephone: 01942 822884 for more details

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Generic Cancer Support Group – for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends, carers	Community Room Tesco Extra Central Park Wigan WN1 1XE	Dates vary	Contact Lynne Shaw for more information Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620 Mobile: 07542 889233 Email: lynne.shaw@wvl.nhs.uk
Haematology Support Group	Online	Via zoom bi-monthly	Contact Karen Mobile: 07710 393 891 Free phone: 0808 808 5555 https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-you/online-support-meetings .
Head and Neck Support Group Open to anyone living within the Wigan Borough Mutual support for patients and families affected by head and neck cancer. Guest speakers, raffle and refreshments.	Wigan Sports Club WN1 1RU	1 st Monday of the month. 1-3pm None on Bank Holidays	Contact Clinical Nurse Specialist Cath Cameron/Kirsty Waite Telephone: 01942 773144
Upper Gastro Intestinal (GI) Support Group Established group. Open to patients affected by an oesophagael or gastric cancer and their families within the Wigan borough. Informal friendly well attended meeting, always welcome new members, support, advice, guest speakers, raffle and refreshments.	St Peters Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 3DN	Bi-Monthly on a Monday	Contact Upper Gastrointestinal Clinical Nurse Specialists Christine Peel or Laura Thompson Telephone: 01942 773459 Or Upper GI Co-ordinator: Laura Moss Telephone: 01942 773459 Contact Upper GI Team for dates

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<p>Urological Cancer Support Group</p> <p>Are you, or has anyone you know been affected by Urological cancers</p> <p>Come for a chat, share your thoughts with people who have or who have had Bladder, Kidney, Prostate or Testicular cancer</p>	<p>Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club 180 Vauxhall Rd Wigan WN1 3LU</p>	<p>Dates vary please contact Wendy Paul or Emma</p>	<p>Contact Clinical Nurse specialists Wendy Kinsey or Paul Higham or Support Worker Emma Wilkinson Telephone: 01942 264991</p>
<p>Walk and Talk Support Group</p> <p>Generic support group for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends and carers.</p>	<p>Menses park Wigan WN1 1TU</p>	<p>Weather permitting. Dates vary.</p>	<p>Contact Lynne Shaw for more information Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620 Mobile: 07542 889233 Email: lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk</p>
<p>Wigan Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Support Group</p> <p>Offers the opportunity to share experiences and meet other people affected by lung cancer. All lung patients, relatives or carers welcome.</p>	<p>Tesco Community Room, Central Park Way Wigan, WN1 1XS</p>	<p>Last Thursday of the month at 3:00pm</p>	<p>Contact Clinical Lead for Lung Cancer Venencia Rayson Telephone: 01942 822260 Or Clinical Nurse Specialists Lee Worrall / Danielle Forshaw / Libby Gorman / Eileen Hodson Telephone: 01942 822843</p>

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



How We Use Your Information

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