

# Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

## Patient Information

Acute Oncology Services



The Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website is available on the link:  
<https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets> or scan the QR code.

Author ID: UM  
Leaflet Ref: CC 044  
Version: 5  
Leaflet title: Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP), Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)  
Date Produced: April 2025  
Expiry Date: April 2027

**Our Values**People at  
the HeartListen and  
InvolveKind and  
RespectfulOne  
Team

## The Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The CUP MDT is made up of a group of healthcare professionals with a specialist interest, knowledge and expertise in the management of people with CUP.

The team is made up of a:

- **Consultant Oncologist** – Doctor who specialises in the management of cancer.
- **Consultant Pathologist** – Examines samples such as biopsies to look for particular cancer cell types.
- **Consultant Radiologist** – Performs and interprets X-rays, computed tomography (CT), positron emission tomography (PET) and magnetic resonance (MR) imaging scans.
- **Consultant in Palliative Medicine** – Doctor who specialises in the management of symptoms and improving quality of life.
- **Acute Oncology Nurse** – Specialist cancer nurse who will offer patients a point of contact, information and support.
- **Multi-Disciplinary Team Co-ordinator** – Co-ordinates the MDT meetings.

## The MDT meeting

The CUP MDT meets weekly. The aim of the meeting is to help decide on the most appropriate investigations, treatment and care by having the right health professionals together to discuss each patient's situation.

The MDT will discuss your case history, X-ray images and pathology results (from studying biopsies), together with any other relevant information. As a team, they will work out an appropriate plan for your treatment or care. This plan will then be discussed with you either over the phone, or at an appointment in clinic or on the ward.

## Acute Oncology Nurse support

Acute Oncology Nurses work as part of the CUP MDT. They have knowledge and experience of patients with cancer of unknown primary, as well as the treatments that you may be offered. The Acute Oncology Nurses attend the weekly MDT meeting and work closely with the Oncologist involved in your care. They can act as a link between you and the MDT. At the MDT meeting, the acute oncology nurse will make sure that you are allocated a **keyworker**.

## What is a keyworker?

A keyworker helps co-ordinate your care and will be your main point of contact with the hospital. The role is often carried out by one of the Acute Oncology Nurses at first, but if your needs change you may be supported by another appropriate health professional.

## Contact information

Your keyworker is:

.....



Please do not hesitate to contact the Acute Oncology Nurses on the numbers below if you need advice about your condition or treatment

### Macmillan Acute Oncology Nurses

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Main Tel: **0300 707 2710**

Alternative Numbers

**0300 707 2720 / 2532 / 3541**

Monday to Friday 8 am to 5pm

Answerphone is available

### Supportive and Palliative Care Team

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Wigan Lane

Wigan

WN1 2NN

**0300 707 2008**

## Where can I find out more?

### Macmillan Cancer Information & Support Centre

Cancer Care Centre

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary

Wigan Lane

Wigan

WN1 2NN

**0300 707 2760**

The information centre is based in the Cancer Care Centre at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary. It is staffed by Macmillan information and support specialists who offer information, counselling, and practical support. They can also signpost patients; carers and loved ones to other services in the area such as support groups.

Further Macmillan information points can be found at:

- Thomas Linacre Centre (ground floor)
- Leigh Infirmary

## Useful websites

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

<https://cupfoundjo.org/>

---

## 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

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm)

The Patient Relations/PALS Manager  
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary  
Wigan Lane  
Wigan  
WN1 2NN

---

## 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

For details on how we collect, use, and store the information we hold about you, please see patient information leaflet, Ref. **Corp 006** How we use your information, this can be found on the Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website, see details on the front cover.

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, Braille, and other languages upon request. For more information, please ask in the department/ward.

---

© Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.  
All rights reserved. Not to be reproduced in whole or in part without the permission of the copyright owner.

**Call 111 first when it's less urgent than 999.**



EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME

GOLD AWARD 2021

*Proudly serving those who serve.*

Phone: 0808 802 1212  
Text: 81212  
[www.veteransgateway.org.uk](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk)

