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# Local Cancer Care Support Groups

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

Group	Location	Time of meetings	Contact for more information
<p>Breast Cancer Support Group Established group.</p> <p>Welcomes new members. Informal setting. Companionship and support from other people affected by breast cancer. Advice from Specialist Breast Care Nurses.</p>	<p>Thomas Linacre Centre, Parsons Walk, Suite 5</p>	<p>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:15pm – 7:45pm</p> <p>January, July, August or December</p>	<p>Breast Care Nurses</p> <p>Telephone: 0300 707 5720</p>

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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

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<p>Colorectal and Stoma Support Group</p> <p>Meet colorectal and stoma specialist nurses and fellow patients to share experiences and help each other in a friendly, supportive environment.</p>	<p>St. Judes Rugby Club</p> <p>Keats Avenue</p> <p>Wigan</p> <p>WN3 5UB</p>	<p>Last Thursday of every month.</p> <p>1-3pm</p>	<p>Please contact colorectal nurse on Telephone: 01942 822884 for more details</p>

<p>Generic Cancer Support Group – for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends, carers</p>	<p>Community Room</p> <p>Tesco Extra</p> <p>Central Park</p> <p>Wigan</p> <p>WN1 1XE</p>	<p>Dates vary</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Lynne Shaw for more information</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620</p> <p>Mobile: 07542 889233</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk">lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk</a></p>
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<p>Haematology Support Group</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>Via zoom</p> <p>bi-monthly</p>	<p>Contact Karen</p> <p>Mobile: 07710 393 891</p> <p>Free phone: 0808 808 5555</p> <p><a href="https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-you/online-support-meetings">https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-you/online-support-meetings</a></p>
<p>Head and Neck Support Group</p> <p>Open to anyone living within the Wigan Borough</p> <p>Mutual support for patients and families affected by head and neck cancer. Guest speakers, raffle and refreshments.</p>	<p>Wigan Sports Club</p> <p>WN1 1RU</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.</p> <p>1-3pm</p> <p>None on Bank Holidays</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Clinical Nurse Specialist</p> <p>Cath Cameron/Kirsty Waite</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 773144</p>

<p>Upper Gastro Intestinal (GI) Support Group</p> <p>Established group. Open to patients affected by an oesophagael or gastric cancer and their families within the Wigan borough.</p> <p>Informal friendly well attended meeting, always welcome new members, support, advice, guest speakers, raffle and refreshments.</p>	<p>St Peters Pavilion,  Hurst Street,  Hindley,  Wigan,  WN2 3DN</p>	<p>Bi-Monthly on a Monday</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Upper Gastrointestinal Clinical Nurse Specialists</p> <p>Christine Peel or Laura Thompson</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 773459</p> <p>Or Upper GI Co-ordinator: Laura Moss</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 773459</p> <p>Contact Upper GI Team for dates</p>
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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</p> <p>Ex-Servicemen's Club</p> <p>180 Vauxhall Rd Wigan</p> <p>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>
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<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</p> <p>Wigan</p> <p>WN1 1TU</p>	<p>Weather permitting.</p> <p>Dates vary.</p>	<p>Contact</p> <p>Lynne Shaw for more information</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620</p> <p>Mobile: 07542 889233</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk">lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk</a></p>
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<p>Wigan Lung Cancer &amp; 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</p> <p>Clinical Lead for Lung Cancer</p> <p>Venencia Rayson</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 822260</p> <p>Or Clinical Nurse Specialists</p> <p>Lee Worrall / Danielle Forshaw Libby Gorman / Eileen Hodson</p> <p>Telephone: 01942 822843</p>
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