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

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| Breast Cancer Support Group Established group.<br><br>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 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:15pm – 7:45pm<br><br>January, July, August or December | Breast Care Nurses<br><br>Telephone: 0300 707 5720 |

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| Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Group for Patients Families and Friends | Scotsman's Flash,<br><br>Poolstock Lane,<br><br>Wigan,<br><br>WN3 5BA | Runs from April – June each Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm | Breast Care Nurses<br><br>Catherine Jackson<br><br>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<br><br>Bull Hey<br><br>Parsons Walk<br><br>Wigan<br><br>WN1 1RU | Tuesday afternoon<br><br>1-3pm<br><br>Dates vary | Contact:<br><br>Kate Tomkinson, Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nicola Dawber, Support Worker for dates and more information.<br><br>Telephone: 01942 822764 |

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| Colorectal and Stoma Support Group<br><br>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<br><br>Keats Avenue<br><br>Wigan<br><br>WN3 5UB | Last Thursday of every month.<br><br>1-3pm | Please contact colorectal nurse on Telephone: 01942 822884 for more details |
| Generic Cancer Support Group – for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends, carers | Community Room<br><br>Tesco Extra<br><br>Central Park<br><br>Wigan<br><br>WN1 1XE | Dates vary | Contact<br><br>Lynne Shaw for more information<br><br>Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620<br><br>Mobile: 07542 889233<br><br>Email: lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk |

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| Haematology Support Group | Online | Via zoom<br><br>bi-monthly | Contact Karen<br><br>Mobile: 07710 393 891<br><br>Free phone: 0808 808 5555<br><br>https://lymphoma-action.org.uk/support-you/online-support-meetings. |
| Head and Neck Support Group<br><br>Open to anyone living within the Wigan Borough<br><br>Mutual support for patients and families affected by head and neck cancer. Guest speakers, raffle and refreshments. | Wigan Sports Club<br><br>WN1 1RU | 1st Monday of the month.<br><br>1-3pm<br><br>None on Bank Holidays | Contact<br><br>Clinical Nurse Specialist<br><br>Cath Cameron/Kirsty Waite<br><br>Telephone: 01942 773144 |

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| Upper Gastro Intestinal (GI) Support Group<br><br>Established group. Open to patients affected by an oesophagael or gastric cancer and their families within the Wigan borough.<br><br>Informal friendly well attended meeting, always welcome new members, support, advice, guest speakers, raffle and refreshments. | St Peters Pavilion,<br><br>Hurst Street,<br><br>Hindley,<br><br>Wigan,<br><br>WN2 3DN | Bi-Monthly on a Monday | Contact<br><br>Upper Gastrointestinal Clinical Nurse Specialists<br><br>Christine Peel or Laura Thompson<br><br>Telephone: 01942 773459<br><br>Or Upper GI Co-ordinator: Laur Moss<br><br>Telephone: 01942 773459<br><br>Contact Upper GI Team for dates |

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| Urological Cancer Support Group<br><br>Are you, or has anyone you know been affected by Urological cancers<br><br>Come for a chat, share your thoughts with people who have or who have had Bladder, Kidney, Prostate or Testicular cancer | Whelley<br><br>Ex-Servicemen's Club<br><br>180 Vauxhall Rd Wigan<br><br>WN1 3LU | Dates vary please contact Wendy Paul or Emma | Contact Clinical Nurse specialists Wendy Kinsey or Paul Higham or Support Worke Emma Wilkinson Telephone: 01942 264991 |

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| Walk and Talk Support Group<br><br>Generic support group for anyone affected by cancer, patient, family, friends and carers. | Menses park<br><br>Wigan<br><br>WN1 1TU | Weather permitting.<br><br>Dates vary. | Contact<br><br>Lynne Shaw for more information<br><br>Telephone: 01942 822760 / 01942 774620<br><br>Mobile: 07542 889233<br><br>Email: lynne.shaw@wwl.nhs.uk |

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| Wigan Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Support Group<br><br>Offers the opportunity to share experiences and meet other people affected by lung cancer. All lung patients, relatives or carers welcome. | Tesco Community Room, Central Park Way Wigan,<br><br>WN1 1XS | Last Thursday of the month at 3:00pm | Contact<br><br>Clinical Lead for Lung Cancer<br><br>Venencia Rayson<br><br>Telephone: 01942 822260<br><br>Or Clinical Nurse Specialists<br><br>Lee Worrall / Danielle Forshaw<br>Libby Gorman / Eileen Hodson<br><br>Telephone: 01942 822843 |



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