

## Gynaecological oncology service

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### What the service offers

The gynaecological oncology service is a joint service between Exeter and Barnstaple, for women who have been diagnosed as having a gynaecological cancer.

It is very important that you have information and support following your diagnosis and throughout your cancer journey. Our gynaecological oncology service will support you and also your family and those close to you, even if you do not have treatment.

We work as a team with other healthcare professionals who are involved in your care. We also act as a link between you and any other hospital that may be involved in your care.

Your appointments with your consultant during and after treatment will either be face to face, by telephone or video.

A clinical nurse specialist from the service will usually be present when you are told about your cancer diagnosis. If a clinical nurse specialist is not present during your consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us on the telephone number below.

After diagnosis, you will be offered a Health Needs Assessment so that we can identify any concerns you may have. Your clinical nurse specialist will go through the assessment with you.

At the end of your treatment, you will be offered an End of Treatment Summary in the form of a letter. This will include date of diagnosis, start and end date of treatment, long-term side effects to treatments, signs and symptoms (what to look out for) following completion of treatment, details of how and when they will be followed-up, lifestyle advice and anything for your GP to action. The copy of the summary will be sent to your GP.

### Common issues or problems we help patients with

- Pain and symptom control
- Issues relating to sexuality
- Support with accessing counselling
- Support with accessing financial advice
- Accessing a support group

We have a Facebook group you can join. If you have a particular problem that we are unable to help you with, we can refer you to the appropriate person or team. This enables a quick response to any of your specific problems.

## Who's who

### **Anna Watts**

Gynae-Oncology Nurse Specialist

### **Jocelyn Allen**

Gynae-Oncology Nurse Specialist

### **Samantha Edwards**

Training Assistant Practitioner

### **Mr Osama Eskanda**

Gynaecologist

### **Mr John Renninson**

Gynaecologist Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital

### **Dr Jenny Forrest**

Clinical Oncologist

### **Dr Kate Scatchard**

Medical Oncologist

## Contact details

Telephone: 01271 370210

If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

The service is available Monday to Friday, 8am – 5pm.

### **Location of service:**

Gynae-oncology office,  
Ladywell Unit,  
North Devon District Hospital,  
Barnstaple,  
EX31 4JB

## **PALS**

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) ensures that the NHS listens to patients, relatives, carers and friends, answers questions and resolves concerns as quickly as possible. If you have a query or concern call 01271 314090 or email [ndht.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ndht.pals@nhs.net). You can also visit the PALS and Information Centre in person at North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple.

## Have your say

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust aims to provide high quality services. However, please tell us when something could be improved. If you have a comment or compliment about a service or treatment, please raise your comments with a member of staff or the PALS team in the first instance.

'Care Opinion' comment forms are on all wards or online at [www.careopinion.org.uk](http://www.careopinion.org.uk).

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