

The Seamoor Unit

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Where are we?

The Seamoor Unit is situated on Level 1, North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple.

How big is the unit?

The unit is a nurse-led unit which consists of 14 treatment chairs, 2 side rooms which have beds, and a procedure room.

We have a spacious waiting area where we display some of the information leaflets available.

We treat 35-50 patients a day.

Unit opening times

The unit is currently open from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday.

What we do

We are a combined chemotherapy and medical day treatment unit.

We offer services for cancer patients that include chemotherapy and supportive therapies, such as blood transfusions and platelet transfusions.

We also administer non-chemotherapy drugs and treatments for patients who are not affected by cancer.

If you are attending the unit for chemotherapy drugs, you will be asked to have a pre-treatment visit prior to your first treatment appointment. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your treatment plan, the drugs you are going to receive and their side effects.

If you are coming for any treatment, please do not hesitate to ask the nursing staff at your first appointment in regards to additional support you may require. We can liaise with your clinical nurse specialist if we are unable to answer your concerns.

You may be asked to have a COVID-19 test prior to your first visit to the Seamoor Unit.

Medical staff

We share our haematology and oncology consultants with Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. This means that we have a visiting consultant at the unit on Monday to Friday.

We also have one oncology specialist grade doctor and a haematology senior staff grade doctor working with the visiting consultants and a junior doctor working for both teams.

Nursing staff

Our nursing team currently consists of:

- unit nursing sister/manager
- lead systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT) clinical nurse specialist
- senior chemotherapy nurses
- staff nurses
- assistant practitioners
- healthcare assistants

The management of the unit is overseen by the Seamoor Unit nursing sister/manager, lead SACT nurse specialist and cancer services matron who also offers clinical support.

We train all our registered nurses to administer chemotherapy drugs, so they can work across the unit and offer a multi-skilled service.

Feeling unwell

If you are attending for drug treatment and are feeling unwell at any time, please call the unit on 01271 311579 for advice between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.

For out of hours, call the switchboard on 01271 322577 and ask for Bleep 500.

Further information

Further information can be obtained from:

- Seamoor Unit. Tel: 01271 311579
- Your consultant via switchboard
- Clinical matron for cancer services via switchboard
- Your clinical nurse specialist (your key worker)

Fundraising

Many of our supportive services are funded through charity. If you are interested in helping us raise money to improve our services, please contact our hospital charity, Over and Above.

Website: www.overandabove.org.uk

Email: ndht.charity@nhs.net

Tel: 01271 311772

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. 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' comments forms are on all wards or online at www.careopinion.org.uk.

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