SKIN CANCER MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

The Skin Cancer MDT is a group of health professionals who are actively involved in your care. These include consultants working in Dermatology, Plastic surgery, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgery, Oncology, and Histopathology. The other members are other doctors, a clinical nurse specialist, and the MDT co-ordinator.

You may not meet someone from each discipline; you may be referred only to the specialist that is appropriate for the diagnosis and treatment of your particular condition.

When other specialists are involved, patients may need to be seen in the MDT Skin Cancer Clinics. There will be consultants present from each speciality. These clinics are held on the first and third Tuesday morning of each month at Doncaster Royal Infirmary. The team will see you and discuss your case. You will then be informed of the treatment options that are available to you. If there is a choice of treatment, the doctors will explain the differences to you and you can then decide which treatment you prefer. You are welcome to bring along a friend or family member. Any questions you may have can be answered at this meeting and we suggest you write these questions down before the meeting as a reminder.

Dermatologist

The Dermatologist will treat most skin cancers, but some treatments may require more complex surgery or other methods of treatment. If you require treatment by the Dermatologists this can be carried out at Bassetlaw, Doncaster and Mexborough Hospitals.
Plastic surgeon
If you require plastic surgery for your skin cancer, the operation will be performed at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield where the plastic surgeons are based. However, outpatient follow-up clinics are at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals.

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgeon
If you require surgery by the ENT Surgeon, you may be referred direct or seen in the MDT clinic. The surgery may be performed at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, but it will depend where the skin cancer is as to where surgery is undertaken.

Clinical oncologist
The Clinical Oncologist specialises in the treatment of cancer by radiotherapy. This treatment is carried out at Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield.

Medical oncologist
The Medical Oncologist specialises in the treatment of cancer with drug treatments, such as chemotherapy. This treatment is carried out at Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield. New treatments are sometimes given as part of a clinical trial at Weston Park and you will be asked to participate if you are suitable for a clinical trial.

Pathologist
Pathologists are doctors who specialise in helping to make a diagnosis based on samples of cells or tissue that are examined under the microscope. The Pathologist in the team has a special interest in skin cancer.

Clinical Nurse Specialist in Skin Cancer/Key Worker
The Nurse Specialist provides information, support, and follow-up appointments during and after your treatment.
During your skin cancer treatment, you are likely to meet several members of the team and may receive treatment and follow-up in different hospitals in the area. Your key worker will help in co-ordinating your care and can be contacted for any information and advice about your treatment.

**MDT co-ordinator**
The MDT co-ordinator provides clerical support for the MDT meetings, records appropriate information and communicates to those who require that information across all hospital sites.

**Your key members of the skin cancer team**

**Consultants**

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**Clinical Nurse Specialist**

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**Key worker**

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Cancer BACUP
3 Bath Place, Rivington Street, London, EC21 3RJ
Tel: 0808 808 00 00 (calls are free)
www.cancerbacup.org.uk

Cancer Research UK
P.O, Box 123, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX
www.cancerhelp.org.uk

Skin Cancer Research Fund
Department of Plastic Surgery, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, BS16 1LE
Tel: 01179701 212 x3130
www.skin-cancer-research-fund.org.uk

Cancer link
11-21 Northdown Street, London, N1 9BN,
Tel: 0207833 2818
Reg. Charity No.326430
Free phone cancer information
helpline: 0800132 905
E-mail: cancerlink@cancerlink.org.uk
‘Self-help and support groups’ line: 020 7520 2603
A Directory of Cancer Services is available

Wessex Cancer Trust Marc’s Line
Dermatology, Day Treatment Centre, Level Three
Salisbury District Hospital, Salisbury, SP2 8BJ
Tel: 01722 415071
www.wessexcancer.org

PIES
(Personalised information Education Support)
www.piesforcancer.info