

The Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme

The Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme has taken a close look at existing pathways from pre-diagnosis through to recovery, survivorship and end of life care. This includes how patients move through the whole healthcare system looking at how all the separate services can work more closely to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time, by the right professional.

A review has focussed on three cancer pathways - lung, lymphoma and brain and central nervous system. Simplified care pathways, streamlined referral processes and care closer to home have been identified as key ways of helping patients.

Work has started to put these recommendations into practice.

The programme is led by Carol Taylor, Macmillan Programme Manager. She is supported by Kay Dover, Macmillan Service Improvement Lead. The programme's sponsor is Dr Angela Wood, Consultant Haematologist. The management lead is Gary Owens, Associate Director of Transformation. All are based within South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

It's a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and organisations including community health, social care, public health and the voluntary sector, as well as patients.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

- Among the latest new Macmillan professionals is programme sponsor Dr Angela Wood. Dr Wood is now within a group of around 130 Macmillan consultants working across the UK.
- An open access chest X-ray clinic to aid the earlier diagnosis of lung cancer is in the pipeline. This is being provided in partnership with public health shared services and funded by South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group.
- An interactive map showing cancer support services across the area has been launched. Constructed by the programme team with Public Health England, the map can be viewed online under the 'cancer services' section at www.southtees.nhs.uk

Partners in the Macmillan Integration of Cancer Care Programme are:

- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Middlesbrough Council
- South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
- Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group
- Teesside Hospice
- Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency
- Redcar & Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency

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