

## **Out of hours toolkit - overview**

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A workshop was held at the Cancer Voices conference about the Out of Hours Toolkit, which has been developed by Macmillan Cancer Support as resource for health professionals involved in care during this period. The toolkit helps to promote coordinated and cohesive care and brings together examples of good practice from across the UK.

As the next step Macmillan Cancer Support are looking to develop an information sheet for patients and carers. The aim is to provide a resource which will help patients and carers in navigating out of hours services and access the care needed.

## **Future activities**

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The workshop sessions were a great opportunity to hear feedback on the type of information parents and carers need to help them access services in the out of hours period. The information gathered was very helpful and will be used in the future development of the toolkit. The patients and carers information will be ready for release in 2010.

The Our of Hours Toolkit is a 'live' document that will be continuously updated and reviewed. Suggestions or comments can be emailed to: [macmillan\\_primary\\_care@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:macmillan_primary_care@macmillan.org.uk)

The tool kit is accessible and downloadable at [www.macmillan.org.uk/learnzone](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/learnzone)