

### Emergency Card

All children diagnosed with cancer will be given a blue emergency card. This will give direct access to the Paediatric Department at any time of the day or night without having to go via the Emergency Department.

### Further information

#### Paediatric Oncology Specialist

##### Nurses:

Clinic 4D

Whittington Hospital

Tel. 020 7288 5869 or 07876492437

Email-

[Laura.gratton1@nhs.net](mailto:Laura.gratton1@nhs.net)

[Sonal.patel4@nhs.net](mailto:Sonal.patel4@nhs.net)

### Further information

#### CLIC Sargent

Provides emotional support and practical information, including specialist benefits advice.

Tel. 0800 197 0068

[www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk)

#### Macmillan Youthline

For young people aged 12-21, whether already affected by cancer or not, who have any questions or concerns about cancer.

Tel. 0808 808 0800

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

### gaps:line

Gives emotional support to families and carers of a child or young person with cancer.

Tel. 0845 121 4277

[www.gapsline.org.uk](http://www.gapsline.org.uk)

### Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)

If you have a compliment, complaint or concern please contact our PALS team on 020 7288 5551 or

[whh-tr.whitthealthPALS@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.whitthealthPALS@nhs.net)

If you need a large print, audio or translated copy of this leaflet please contact us on 020 7288 3182. We will try our best to meet your needs.

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## Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit

## Multidisciplinary Team

## A parent's guide



### The Shared Care System

Children and young people diagnosed with cancer need the help of a variety of health professionals to diagnose and treat their condition. This treatment can occur in specialised Paediatric Oncology Centres, Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Units and the Community. We call this the "Shared Care System".

Shared Care enables your child to receive some aspects of their care as close to home as possible or within the home environment when appropriate.

### What is a Multidisciplinary Team?

The Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit at the Whittington Hospital is run by a multidisciplinary team.

A multidisciplinary team (MDT) is a group of health professionals with expertise in cancer in children and young people, who work together to manage a child or young person's care. People with cancer receive the most effective treatment when different specialists work together.

The Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit MDT meets on a monthly basis to discuss the cases and treatment of children under their care.

### Who is in the Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit MDT?

Your child's named consultants are:

Dr Gopa Sen (Lead Consultant)

Dr Elinor Sefi (Deputy Consultant)

Your child's key workers are:

Laura Gratton (Clinical Nurse Specialist and Key Worker)

Sonal Patel (Oncology Nurse Specialist)

Other members of the MDT:

Nuray Temiz (POSCU Paediatric Pharmacist)

Hollie Monaghan (Ifor Ward Link Nurse)

Sarah Otley (Play Specialist Co-ordinator)

Depending on individual needs, other professionals may also be involved, including:

- Play Service Coordinator
- Teacher / school
- Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist
- Social Worker
- Paediatric Dietician
- Speech Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Children's Community Nursing Team
- Life Force Team
- Home tuition
- Interpreters

### Key Worker

The Key Worker will be your main point of contact within the hospital. She is here to support you and your child and is responsible for co-ordinating your child's care. Laura is the Key Worker for the Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit. Should you wish to discuss any issues please contact Laura on 020 7288 5869 or 07876492437 between the hours of 0800 am and 1700 pm Monday to Friday. You will also have key workers within your primary treatment centre who are also available to offer advice.

### Out of hours advice

If you or your child needs advice or admission out of hours (1700pm to 0900am Monday to Friday, all weekends and public holidays) please call:

- Paediatric Registrar phone 020 7272 3070 and ask for bleep 3111
- Ifor ward on 020 7288 5442

Out of hours access to Ifor ward is via the sliding doors next to the Emergency Department entrance. Ring the bell to alert the Security Department, who should then open the door for you. There is limited parking on site at the Whittington Hospital.