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Cancer of Unknown Primary Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

Introduction

You have been referred to a Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). This leaflet explains how the CNS can support you.

The role of the CNS

One of the roles of the CUP Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is to provide support, information and education to those who may be affected by a cancer of unknown primary and to their families and friends. The CUP CNS will be your named keyworker. The keyworker is your point of contact throughout your diagnosis and treatment. We will inform you if your keyworker should change at any time.

There are 3 Clinical Nurse Specialists. You may see any one of them at some point but only one of them will be your allocated keyworker.

Who does the CNS work with?

The CUP CNSs work as part of the Cancer of Unknown Primary team. You will have access to a CUP CNS throughout your diagnosis and possibly your treatment and follow up. Your CUP CNS may also, if needed, liaise with community teams such as GPs, community nurses and the Palliative Care Team.

What does the CNS do?

The CNS is an experience nurse who works within the CUP team and:

- is available to discuss any problems you may be experiencing relating to your diagnosis
- will help you with any anxieties or fears you have regarding your cancer
- will offer practical support and advice with issues such as sun protection
- will help with the physical effects of cancer and offer emotional support.

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Working hours

The CUP CNS team comprises of both full-time and part-time staff who, between them, work Monday to Friday covering the hours of 8:00am until 6:00pm, excluding Bank Holidays.

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