

Written information

There are many ways of finding out further information. Be very careful when selecting sources as some of them may contain inaccurate or misleading information.

Below are some suggested web sites. All sites vary and you may have to search the internet to find the site that answers your particular questions.

- www.macmillan.org.uk
- www.nhs.uk
- www.pennybrohncancercare.org

Please remember there is no way of monitoring the accuracy and quality of information on the website.

Please talk to your consultant, GP or HPCT nurse if you are not sure what to believe. We are happy to discuss any aspect of treatment or care with you.

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If you need this information in another language or medium (audio, large print, etc) please contact Customer Care Team on 0800 374 208 email: customer.care@salisbury.nhs.uk

You are entitled to a copy of any letter we write about you. Please ask if you want one when you come to the hospital.

Please complete The Friends & Family Test to tell us about your experience at: www.salisbury.nhs.uk/FriendsFamily or download our App from the Apple App store or Google Play Store.

The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk if you would like a reference list.

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Hospital Support and Palliative Care Team (HSPCT)

What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care recognises the special needs of people living with life-limiting disease. Care focuses on comfort and quality of life. We aim to promote personal dignity and independence, respecting cultural and religious practices. Support is available for families and carers.

How can the HPCT help me?

Palliative care provides ongoing help and advice with:

- Listening to your concerns
- Management of your symptoms
- Support during your treatment
- Planning with you for the future
- Working with other services to make sure you receive help when you need it and which is appropriate to your needs
- Providing education and support for other health care professionals involved in your care.

Who will be in charge of my care?

Your hospital consultant and the ward team will remain in overall charge of your care throughout your admission.

Who will contact me?

Your doctors and nurses on the ward will discuss referral to the HPCT with you. You will be visited in hospital by one of the HPCT nurses who are based in Salisbury District hospital (SDH).

They are supported by three consultants in palliative medicine who visit SDH regularly.

How do I contact the HPCT?

Please speak to the nurses or doctors on the ward. If they cannot answer your questions they will contact the HPCT for you.

The name of your HPCT nurse is on the back of this leaflet.

When will I be visited?

The HPCT will visit during normal working hours. This means 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Tel: 01722 336262 Ext: 2113 or 2751.

The ward nursing team and doctors will provide continuing support out of normal working hours, including weekends.

What happens when I leave hospital?

If your condition stabilises, then regular visits will no longer be required.

However if you need a further review on discharge we provide a link with the Community Palliative Care Team (CPCT). They will provide support and advice to you, your family and carers at home and in nursing or residential homes. They work closely with your GP and district nurses.

Your HPCT nurse works closely with Dr Helen Kirk and Dr Pippa Baker, consultants in palliative medicine, who can be contacted via the hospital on 01722 336262 ext. 2362.