

Gynaecology Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Patient Information Leaflet

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Hello, my name is Michelle Blodwell, I am a senior nurse who works as part of the Gynaecology Oncology team within Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust.

I am a trained nurse who specialises in the care and support of women and their families diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer.

The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is a core member of the Multidisciplinary Team providing you and your family with support, advice and information from diagnosis and throughout your treatment and follow up and I will meet with you at the time of your diagnosis and during treatment. I will act as your Key worker, providing you and your family a point of contact, and will assist in coordinating your care by providing a link between hospitals, staff and departments.

I understand that having a diagnosis of cancer is a difficult time, especially when decisions must be made regarding treatments. I aim to give all the information you will require so that an informed choice with your treatment and future can be made. In some cases, we cannot rule out cancer until you have had some treatment/further investigations, again you may meet me during this time when there is only a possibility that you have cancer.

The service provides continuous information and support for women and their family from the point of diagnosis onwards.

Areas covered include:

- . Surgery
- . Radiotherapy
- . Chemotherapy
- . Psychosexual issues
- . Support Agencies
- . Finance
- . Pain and symptom control
- . Lymphedema
- . Respite care
- . Homecare
- . Hospices
- . HRT advise and information
- . Fertility and Infertility information
- . Smoking cessation



My days of work are Monday and Wednesday at TGH, Thursday at St Mary's, where I will be available during your in-patient and out-patient treatment. I can be contacted via telephone or mobile if you have any questions at home.

Telephone Information

Tameside

0161 922 6961 / 07920082841

St Mary's

0161 276 6394

If I am unable to take your call, please leave a message on my answer machine and I will return your call as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact DR Gilmour's secretary on 0161 922 6167.

This service is open ended, you can continue to contact me for as long as you need.

You may contact me in years to come if you have any new questions or concerns about your cancer.

Other useful contacts or information

National Support

Jo's Trust – a charity for women with Cervical cancer

www.jostrust.co.uk

Vulva Awareness Campaign (VACO) www.vaco.co.uk

Ovacome for women with Ovarian Cancer www.ovacome.org.uk

Target Ovarian Cancer Telephone: 020 7923 5474 support@targetovariancancer.org.uk

Cancer Backup/Macmillan Cancer Support Freephone 0808 808 0000

www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer Research UK Telephone: 0300 123 1022 www.cancerresearch.org.uk.

Local Support

Citizens Advice Bureau Telephone: 0161 330 2156 www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Tameside Carer's Centre Telephone: 0161 342 3344 www.tameside.gov.uk



