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Welcome to the Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Team in Salisbury (page 1 of 3)

Here in Salisbury we work as a team called a Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT). This is to help us deliver the care of your child as smoothly and safely as possible. Southampton will always be your Primary Treatment Centre (PTC) and the team at Piam Brown ward remain in control of your overall treatment.

Our role is to provide local clinics, supportive care if your child is unwell and some chemotherapy treatments. We are in constant contact with the Piam Brown Ward team. Whilst your child's contact with your GP may be minimal, we will, of course keep them up to date.

Our team, here in Salisbury, includes doctors, nurses, pharmacists and an outreach nurse from Piam Brown ward. We meet every month to discuss all aspects of the care of each child and their family. Between these meetings, there are smaller, weekly meetings. Urgent problems are discussed immediately.

The team

The Consultants are Dr Philippa Ridley and Dr Rowena Staples. Both doctors are general paediatricians who have spent time in their training looking after children with cancer. Dr Staples works Monday to Wednesday. Dr Ridley works Wednesday to Friday. They can always be contacted via their shared secretary, Mrs Jo Walker, and will aim to call you back the same day.

Kirsty Shanley is a children's community nurse who has a lead role in providing practical care and support for children and teenagers with cancer. She works 9 am -4pm, Monday to Friday. Where possible Kirsty provides practical care in the home, taking bloods, providing equipment and also training families, schools and nurseries. Kirsty works closely with the other members of the MDT. Do not hesitate to contact her for advice and support throughout treatment.

Karen Glastonbury is the other children's community nurse who provides cover when Kirsty is away.

Clare Smith is one of the children's nurses on Sarum ward (the children's ward) who works as the oncology link nurse. You will meet her if your child is admitted to Sarum ward or seen in the Day Assessment Unit.

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Louise (Lou) Pitman is our children's pharmacist. She makes sure that the chemotherapy is prepared and ready for collection at the right time. She liaises with the hospital pharmacy to make sure oral medications are ready for collection. If you are running out of any medicines please leave a message with Kirsty or Karen, so that Dr Ridley or Dr Staples can write a prescription. You can then collect the medication from the hospital pharmacy.

Alice Howard is the Paediatric Oncology Outreach Nurse. She is based on Piam Brown ward at Southampton Hospital but is a member of our team. She is your key worker and is always happy to be contacted in working hours. She will visit the school/nursery that your child attends, to speak to the staff. She is able to visit you at home.

You will be allocated a CLiC Sargent Social Worker. You may have met them during your stay at Piam Brown as they are based at Southampton Hospital. They are happy to be contacted directly and you will be given their contact details.

We do not have a dedicated psychologist with our team here at Salisbury. Psychological support is available through Piam Brown ward; please speak to any of us if you feel your child would benefit from this service.

Most of the information regarding your child's diagnosis will have been provided by Piam Brown ward but we also stock a range of useful leaflets. Please ask if you would like more information. If you would like to talk to other parents who have had similar experiences, this can be arranged.

Although the aim and expectation will be for treatment to achieve a cure, in a small number of cases palliative care is needed. The same team that have come to know and care for your child through their treatment will be the team who are involved to ensure a consistent approach.

When your child comes to our hospital

The Outpatient Department

The Clinics are usually on Wednesdays. In the mornings we see any patient who is undergoing treatment and this is when we give chemotherapy and perform blood tests and check-ups. Follow up clinics, for patients who have completed treatment, are usually in the afternoons on Wednesdays.

Day Assessment Unit and Sarum Ward

All children and teenagers who need to be seen more urgently will either be seen in the Day Assessment Unit or on Sarum ward. On arrival you and your child will be shown to a treatment room or cubicle on Sarum ward. Here you will be greeted by a children's nurse, who will ask some questions, carry out observations (such as your child's temperature, blood pressure and pulse) and liaise with the doctors. Your child should be seen by a doctor promptly, who will then decide appropriate care. When possible this will be discussed with Dr Staples or Dr Ridley. If they are not on duty the Piam Brown team may be contacted for advice.

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What to do if your child is unwell

If your child has a temperature or is generally unwell please phone Sarum ward who will advise you. You may be asked to come to hospital or the duty doctor may phone you back. If you have any queries or concerns then please contact us. You will never be turned away and your child will always be seen urgently.

Contact numbers

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Kirsty Shanley:	07976 857855
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Alice Howard:	02381 206701
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