

## Your Haematology Nurse Specialist (key worker) and the team looking after you

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## Introduction

My name is Sarah Sands and I am the Nurse Specialist (key worker) for:

- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia
- Hairy Cell Leukaemia
- Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinaemia
- Lymphoproliferative disorders

I am a member of the healthcare team looking after you. I will ensure that you, your family and friends have access to appropriate support and information. I will be available as a point of contact from your diagnosis, through treatment and beyond (should you need it).

## My role

- To act as a point of contact to ensure that you receive high quality care at every stage of your illness.
- To act as a link between you and other members of your healthcare team, both in hospital and in the community and to refer you to them as appropriate.
- To provide you with information about your diagnosis, treatment options and possible side effects.
- To offer support to you, your family and carers.
- To help you to obtain financial and welfare rights advice, as appropriate.
- To provide information about support groups and other organisations that you may find helpful.

I can meet with you in the out-patient department, the day ward or on the ward. If you would like to contact me please use the numbers on the front of this leaflet.

If there is no answer, please leave a message; I may be with a patient or working in clinic. Messages are checked twice a day, and if I am not available because of a planned absence there will be a message telling you this.

## The team looking after you

The team looking after you is called the green team (other haematological diseases are cared for by different teams named after other colours). It consists of three consultants:

- Dr Kennedy
- Dr Balotis
- Dr Krishna

Working with them will be specialist registrars, junior doctors and clinical nurse specialists (CNS, also known as your key worker). The green team has a multidisciplinary team (MDT) meeting on Tuesday afternoon and an outpatient clinic on Tuesday mornings.

## The team looking after you (continued)

The MDT is a team of health professionals with the skills necessary to diagnose and treat patients with your disease. It meets to ensure that all patients receive the most appropriate care suitable for them as an individual.

The members of the green team MDT are:

- The consultant haematologists who lead your care and are specialists in your disease.
- The clinical nurse specialist (key worker) who provides you with support, advice and information about your disease.
- A pathologist who will ensure your diagnosis is correct.
- The MDT co-ordinator who ensures the appropriate information is available when decisions are made.
- A trials nurse who helps to ensure that you are offered the chance to take part in research where appropriate.

As a team we will always involve you in any decisions about your care. You and your GP will receive a letter from the team soon after diagnosis to ensure you have a record of these decisions.

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