Introduction
This leaflet provides information on the Acute Oncology Service and how the team provides support for you.

What is the Acute Oncology Service?
Sometimes the health of a patient undergoing treatment for cancer may get suddenly worse. This is called becoming acutely unwell. The Acute Oncology Service advises on how to manage the care of acutely unwell patients who have:

- Complications from a known cancer
- Complications from anti-cancer treatments (such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy or biological treatments, for example, rituximab)
- Newly diagnosed cancer where the original site of cancer is unknown (cancer of unknown primary)
What are the aims of the Acute Oncology Service?

- To improve the quality of care during your stay in hospital
- To advise on which tests you may need
- To provide expert advice and support to the healthcare professionals looking after you while you are in hospital
- To refer you to specialists when needed

How does the Acute Oncology Service link with other hospital teams?

The Acute Oncology Service acts as a link between the Georgina Unit (C4 ward and Day Case Unit) and other departments in the hospital to help provide a high quality service to acute oncology patients. We also have strong links with the hospital’s Palliative Care Team.

Useful contact details

Acute Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Ruth Mitchell:
01384 456111 ext. 3425 (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday)

Acute Oncology Support Sister, Tina Wilkinson:
01384 456111 ext. 3425 (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday)

Georgina Unit helpline number:
01384 244028 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)
01384 244235 or 244251 (out of hours, weekends and bank holidays)
If you have any questions or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet please contact:

Clinical nurse specialists, Ruth Mitchell or Tina Wilkinson on 01384 456111 ext. 3425 (8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays)

Or any of the other numbers listed in the ‘Useful contact details’ section.

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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