

# Your cancer treatment in your community

General information

A guide for patients and carers

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## Notes

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The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre is one of the first cancer centres in the UK to use its own highly-trained nurses to deliver cancer treatments to patients in their own homes.

As one of the leading cancer centres in the country, we always strive to provide the best cancer care to the people we serve and are continually looking at how we can improve the patient experience to make the journey less stressful for patients.

Clatterbridge in the Community (CiC) is a community treatment service which was developed and provided by The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC) to allow patients to receive safe and efficient service in their own homes, in their own communities to bring care closer to you.

The nursing team is based at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre - Wirral and travels to patients across Liverpool, St Helens, Southport, Ormskirk, Halton, Cheshire and Wirral.

## Who can have treatment at home?

Patients who receive a select number of medications have the opportunity to receive their treatment in the comfort of their own homes. Your consultant can refer you to the Clatterbridge in the Community treatment service if they think you are suitable to receive your cancer treatment at home.

## How does home treatment work?

Our team of highly-trained specialist chemotherapy nurses from The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre will visit you at home to deliver your treatment. The service is available during the week with areas allocated to set days.

A member of staff will contact you a few days before your treatment to go through your appointment details and will confirm your appointment window. Our staff will try to accommodate requests as much as the service will allow and will always prioritise times for patients who are receiving radiotherapy or have other medical appointments on their treatment day.

On the day, the specialist nurse will bring all the necessary equipment and medication with them. The nurse will ensure you are fully informed about your treatment. If any changes are needed to your treatment, this will be discussed with you. They will administer your treatment as prescribed by your consultant, just like in the clinic. Your treatment details will be electronically recorded after each treatment.

## Will I still see my Consultant?

Yes, you will continue to have appointments at your usual clinic.

## What do I do if I feel unwell?

If you are unwell during, or up to 8 weeks, following your cancer treatment please call **The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre Hotline on 0800 169 5555**.

Your call will be answered by a dedicated nurse advisor. This line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

St Helens patients, please contact the **Lilac Centre 01744 646 170**, Monday to Friday between 9am - 5pm.

Outside of these hours please contact **The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre Hotline on 0800 169 5555**.

## How do I contact the Clatterbridge in the Community Treatment Service Team?

### Clatterbridge in the Community office

Direct number: 0151 556 5889  
(Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm)

If you are interested about receiving your cancer treatment at home, please speak to a member of staff or discuss with your Consultant.

