Tell us what you think of this leaflet

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact: Lynne Jackson, Gynaecological Clinical Nurse Specialist, telephone, 01904 726478 or email lynne.jackson@york.nhs.uk.

Teaching, training & research

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services. PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email pals@york.nhs.uk. An answer phone is available out of hours.
What is an MDT and what does it do?

It is important that cancer care is planned and monitored by a team of experts. An MDT brings together doctors, nurses and other health professionals who have specialist training and experience in a specific type of cancer. The MDT members meet once a week to review new cancer patients and check the progress of existing patients.

MDT members work out your treatment plan, they decide if any further tests need to be carried out. They will make any necessary referrals to specialist services, along with collecting patient information and keeping records.

Each MDT member has a different role; providing surgical, medical, practical, or emotional help and support. Members depend on your cancer type and individual needs.

The Gynae Multi-Disciplinary Team members meet every Thursday at 12.30 in York.

Who are the Members?

Cancer lead
A physician or surgeon who takes responsibility for the service.

Clinical nurse specialist
Will provide you with information and support. This nurse is often referred to as your key worker and will be your point of contact between you and the MDT.

MDT co-ordinator
Manages the MDT and makes sure that patient information is correct and discussions are recorded.

Medical oncologist
A doctor who treats cancer with drugs including chemotherapy.

Clinical oncologist or radiotherapist
A doctor who treats cancer with radiotherapy and may also prescribe chemotherapy.

Pathologist
A doctor that examines body tissues and organs under the microscope.

Surgeon
Your specialist cancer surgeon.

Palliative care doctor
Specialises in the management of patients with non-curable disease.

You may not meet all of your team together at one time, but you will meet all of the members who are relevant to your current treatment and care.

The final decision about treatment is down to you. Your key worker (usually the clinical nurse specialist) is your point of contact and they know everything about your diagnosis and treatment.

Your key worker may stay with you throughout your treatment journey and is there to provide support and to help you understand the process of cancer care. Your key worker will raise any questions or concerns you have with the MDT.

All MDT decisions are taken in combination with you and, if you wish, your relatives and carers.