

## Sources of information and support:

The Cancer Information Centre located near the Oak Road entrance has a large range of booklets and leaflets on all aspects of cancer. Opening times are 9:00am - 4:30pm, Monday to Thursday and 9:00am - 4:00pm on Fridays. Call: **0161 446 8100**.

- **The British Thyroid Association**

Visit: [www.british-thyroid-association.org](http://www.british-thyroid-association.org)

- **The British Thyroid Foundation**

Call: **0870 770 7933** or visit: [www.btf-thyroid.org](http://www.btf-thyroid.org)

- **Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association**

Cancer information nurse specialists can answer questions about cancer types and treatments.

Visit: [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)

- **Butterfly Thyroid Cancer Trust**

Call: **01207 545469** or visit: [www.butterfly.org.uk](http://www.butterfly.org.uk)

- **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Cancer information nurse specialists can answer questions about cancer types and treatments.

Freephone: **0808 808 0000** or visit:

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

For more information about The Christie and our services, please visit [www.christie.nhs.uk](http://www.christie.nhs.uk) or visit the cancer information centre at Withington, Oldham or Salford.



## The Specialist Head and Neck Nursing Service

## Thyroid Cancer

Contact The Christie Hotline for urgent support and specialist advice

### The Christie Hotline:

**0161 446 3658**

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust  
Wilmslow Road  
Withington  
Manchester M20 4BX

Tel: 0161 446 3000  
[www.christie.nhs.uk](http://www.christie.nhs.uk)

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## Your key worker

- The thyroid cancer nursing service provides a “key worker” for patients who are referred to The Christie for thyroid cancer treatment. Key workers are a point of contact for patients throughout their cancer treatment and follow-up.
- The Christie thyroid cancer nursing service key worker is Debbie Elliott. She provides a link with other key workers and health care professionals at your referring hospital, with your GP and community nurses.
- Debbie is a highly specialised nurse with extensive experience in the care of patients with cancer of the thyroid and head and neck.
- She works closely with the consultants and team who treat thyroid cancer, and head and neck cancer using surgery, radioiodine, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

## What can the key worker provide?

You can contact your key worker if you have any worries or questions about your condition or treatment.

Debbie can offer:

- an opportunity to talk through the information you have been given relating to your radioactive iodine treatment
- advice about symptoms before, during or after your radioactive iodine treatment
- information and specialist nursing advice about problems you may be having because of the disease or the treatment
- a link with other healthcare professionals who may be able to help you
- support for you and your family and carers.

## To contact Debbie Elliott

**You can call her on: 0161 446 8041**

If this number is not answered, please leave a message. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.

Debbie works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Or, call or text her on: **07919 488 152**

Or, call: **0161 446 3000**  
(Christie switchboard) and ask for bleep number **12610**

You may find it helpful to write your hospital number here:

If Debbie is not available, you can contact your consultant's secretary:

Linda Tunnicliffe - **0161 446 3331**  
secretary to Dr C Arthur & Dr K Garcez