If you have any concerns during your visit, you can speak with someone on the team looking after you, the manager of the team or someone independent, by contacting the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and complaints team.

Tel: 0161 446 8217
Email: pals@christie.nhs.uk

Useful contact numbers

Unit manager: 0161 918 7958 / 7904
Nurse’s station: 0161 918 7663 / 7664
Christie switchboard: 0161 446 3000

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

For more information about The Christie and our services, please visit www.christie.nhs.uk or visit the cancer information centre at Withington, Oldham or Salford.

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

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Clinical Trials Unit

Opened in 2010, the clinical trials unit provides a designated National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Facility for experimental medicines.

The Christie is the largest cancer treatment centre of its kind in Europe and an international leader in research and development.
Your visit
When you arrive for your appointment, please book in at the ground floor reception in department 1. If you have any mobility issues or specific needs, please do not hesitate to ask staff to support you. Accessible toilets are available in the reception area.

Your consultation
On most visits you will require blood tests. When you book in you will be asked to take a ticket and will be called through for your bloods. You will then be seen by a member of your consultant’s team and your research nurse.

Your treatment
If you require treatment, you will be asked to come to the clinical trials unit on the first floor in department 1, where you will be greeted by the co-ordinator. You may have to wait for your treatment to be made by the pharmacy. Your nurse will keep you informed of this and you are welcome to leave the unit and ask your nurse to ring you when your treatment is ready.

The first time you come to the unit, your nurse will explain your treatment to you and you will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you have before your treatment starts.

Overnight stays
If your trial requires you to stay overnight on the unit, you will be assessed by one of the nurses who will discuss your plan of care with you. We will provide you with hot food and drinks during your stay, please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Visiting times
Patients can bring one visitor with them during the day on the unit. Unfortunately, there are no facilities for visitors to stay overnight, however your trial may qualify you for accommodation nearby - please discuss this with your research nurse.

Unfortunately, we are not insured to allow children under 12 years old to visit the unit and your understanding is much appreciated.

What to bring with you
Please bring all your medications with you on each visit and take them as normal unless otherwise directed. You may also like to bring things with you to keep you occupied such as a book or a music player with headphones.

General information
It is advisable to wear loose fitting clothing on your visit to allow easy access for staff if you require bloods or other interventions.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hospital - please ask staff for the username and password.

When you leave, please make sure you take home any medications brought with you and you have your next appointment booked.