

Providing treatment closer to home

## The Christie at Macclesfield

The Christie at Macclesfield benefits patients who would normally have to travel long distances for radiotherapy and/or systemic anti cancer therapies (SACT) at The Christie.

SACT is the delivery of systemic anti-cancer therapy - this can be chemotherapy, immunotherapy, bisphosphonates or hormone treatment. This means you will be able to receive your treatment closer to home. The SACT clinic at The Christie at Macclesfield is run by our Christie SACT trained nurses to ensure that standards of care and safety are consistent with our main site. The unit has 18 treatment chairs.

The radiotherapy unit is equipped with state of the art treatment machines and 1 CT scanner. This equipment is able to deliver the same treatment as the main Christie site, with the same staff who work at Withington.

Many radiotherapy or SACT treatments are suitable to be administered at The Christie at Macclesfield. The suitability depends on the length of treatment time, types of drugs, complexity of the treatment and consultant approval.

Whilst attending The Christie at Macclesfield, you will remain under the care of your Christie oncologist. You will continue to receive regular appointments to attend for a medical review at the main Christie site or at The Christie at Macclesfield.



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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.

The Christie is committed to producing high quality, evidence based information for patients. Our patient information adheres to the principles and quality statements of the Information Standard. If you would like to have details about the sources used please contact **[the-christie.patient.information@nhs.net](mailto:the-christie.patient.information@nhs.net)**

For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.

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

## Bloods before treatment

Most patients will need a blood test to be taken prior to every treatment. The pre-treatment blood test can be taken at The Christie at Macclesfield **by appointment only**. Please call **01625 663203** to make an appointment. Alternatively you could speak to the outreach team for a possible alternative location closer to home.

For each blood test you will need a blood form which can be sent out in the post or the nurse can provide forms to you when you attend for your treatment.

## Information and support services

The Christie at Macclesfield provides a comprehensive information and support service for patients and their families attending the unit. The Cancer information and support centre is open 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone **01625 663203**. (Please telephone to check the centre is open before making a visit).

Information and support is also available over the telephone between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm.

If you have any questions about your treatment or appointments please contact:

**The Christie at Macclesfield SACT team on 01625 663203**

Working hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

**The Christie at Macclesfield radiotherapy team on 0161 956 1700**

Working hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 6:00pm

**If you are unwell please contact The Christie Hotline on:  
0161 446 3658 (24 hours)**

## Where we are

The Christie at Macclesfield  
Macclesfield District General Hospital  
Victoria Road  
Macclesfield  
SK10 3BL

## Travelling by car

Car parking is available opposite, next to The Christie at Macclesfield.

Alternative parking is also available nearby in the main hospital car park.

Car parking is free of charge for some oncology patients who attend The East Cheshire Trust for treatment. If you are eligible, this will be discussed with you at your pre chemotherapy talk or when you attend for your first treatment.

**For those patients who are required to pay for parking, this can be done using the machines within the car parks. You will need to pay before you leave, not on arrival.**

## Travelling by bus

The 130 bus travels between Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Handforth, calling at Macclesfield District General Hospital.