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# Acute Oncology in a rural DGH

NORTHERN SITE

# Our Model



2015 - 1.6 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists, heavily supported by oncology staff grades and consultants Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, part time admin support



2023 – 2 ACP's, 4 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists, 2 Assistant practitioner's, 2 Administrators, 1 nurse consultant with the team now working over 7 days – 4 CNS's are NMP



Based on the day treatment unit – access to 3 side rooms to assess, treat and formulate a plan of care for patients.



Same day imaging if required. Nurse led paracentesis



All RN's on MSc Advanced Practice Pathway



Cancer of Unknown Primary, Suspicion of Cancer, Immunotherapy

**UKONS**  
Oncology Nursing Society  
**Oncology/Haematology**  
**24 Hour Triage**  
RAPID ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS TOOLKIT

Information and Instruction Manual

The UKONS Toolkit has been developed for use by all members of staff who may be required to man 24-hour advice lines for patients who:

- Have received or are receiving systemic anticancer therapy
- Have received any other type of anticancer treatment, including radiotherapy and bone marrow graft
- May be suffering from related immunosuppression (i.e. acute leukaemia, corticosteroids)

N.B.

Adolescent patients treated within adult units ARE included in this pathway

Systemic anticancer therapy is an overarching term encompassing all systemic anti cancer therapies including chemotherapy, immunotherapy and supportive therapies

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# Challenges & Sustainability

- ▶ Increased demand - Limited capacity
- ▶ Ambulatory model is limited on a weekend currently
- ▶ Any old....
- ▶ Our Future Hospital build - new space
- ▶ In the spring we will move to hours operating 8-6 7 days a week to support ambulatory model
- ▶ Experienced staff in post – future proofing
- ▶ Well supported by the multi-disciplinary team



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