
About cancer services

Cancer services comprises four areas:

- oncology – treats cancers of the solid organs
- haematology – treats cancers of the blood as well as non-cancerous blood disorders
- radiotherapy – uses high energy radiation to treat a variety of cancers
- palliative care – offers specialist advice and support both on symptom total care of patients with life-limiting illness
- CUH cancer support service - offers information and support on a wide range of concerns related to cancer.

In addition the Cambridge Cancer Trials Centre (CCTC) combines research expertise and patient care, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and Cancer Research UK.

We're responsible for adult cancer services and teenage and young adult (TYA) services. Treatment for children is managed by another department in the hospital. You'll find links to our wards and clinics for children and young people under "Where we are".

Our position as the cancer service for Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) – which is a university teaching hospital – and our location on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, home to Cancer Research UK (CRUK), means that we have close relationships with academic, health and research partners.

We are therefore able to offer high quality clinical care and treatment underpinned by the world-class research excellence of Cambridge University. We aim to offer our patients the very best outcomes by accessing the best and latest treatments for them, either as standard of care or within clinical trials.

As a specialist centre we have been able to invest in state-of-the-art equipment; we were the first NHS hospital to offer tomotherapy treatment – highly accurate radiotherapy – and the first in the UK to have two tomotherapy machines installed in 2010.

We also collaborate across the region with our clinicians working as part of the Anglia Cancer Network taking referrals from other hospitals in the East of England for treatment here at CUH or closer to the patient's home at one of the other hospitals within the network.

Every year the service sees more patients and we now need to plan for the future and

expand our facilities. We have a long-term plan for the development of the Cambridge Comprehensive Cancer Centre. This is part of Cambridge University Hospitals' vision for developing facilities on the campus and driving improvements to patient care.