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REQUEST & RESPONSE

Our questions

1) Does your Trust offer a Health and Wellbeing event accessible to all breast cancer patients at the end of hospital-based treatment?

(A Health and Wellbeing event is defined as a group education and support event which helps people to manage their physical and psychological health after a cancer diagnosis.)

- A. Yes
- B. No

2) If the Trust does offer a Health and Wellbeing event for breast cancer patients, are these events:

- A. solely for people with breast cancer
- or
- B. for people with all types of cancer

3) For breast cancer patients who have completed their hospital-based treatment, do the nurses in the breast care unit routinely make direct referrals, where appropriate, to the following?

(By 'direct referral' we mean gaining consent from a patient to pass on their details to a support service or arranging for someone from the service to contact the patient)

Services provided by charities

- a. Support services provided by charities that support people with cancer **(yes/no) YES**
- b. Support services provided by charities that support people with breast cancer only **(yes/no) YES**

NHS Services

- c. Counselling / psychology services within the NHS **(yes/no) YES**
- d. Physiotherapy services within the NHS **(yes/no) YES**
- e. Fertility services within the NHS **(yes/no) YES**
- f. Lymphoedema services within the NHS **(yes/no) YES**
- g. Other support services – please specify below **(yes/no) YES**

Willows foundation mummies star

Macmillan benefit advisor

4) If you do not refer to some/any of the services in question 3, is this due to any of the reasons below? Please indicate all that apply.

All Apply

- a. Support services provided by charities that support people with cancer
 - Service not available **(yes/no)**
 - Unaware of service **(yes/no)**
 - Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
 - Service is unsuitable for breast cancer patients **(yes/no)**

- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)

b. Support services provided by charities that support people with breast cancer only

- Service not available **(yes/no)**
- Unaware of service **(yes/no)**
- Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)

c. Counselling / psychology services within the NHS

- Service not available **(yes/no)**
- Unaware of service **(yes/no)**
- Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)

d. Physiotherapy services within the NHS

- Service not available **(yes/no)**
- Unaware of service **(yes/no)**

- Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)

e. Fertility services within the NHS

- Service not available **(yes/no)**
- Unaware of service **(yes/no)**
- Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)

f. Lymphoedema services within the NHS

- Service not available **(yes/no)**
- Unaware of service **(yes/no)**
- Service is oversubscribed **(yes/no)**
- Patient is informed of the service but a direct referral is not made **(yes/no)**
- Workload capacity does not allow time for referrals **(yes/no)**
- Other (please give details)