

## Useful links

### British Association of Dermatologists

[www.bad.org.uk](http://www.bad.org.uk)

### DermNet NZ

[www.dermnetnz.org](http://www.dermnetnz.org)

### Melanoma UK

[www.melanomauk.org.uk](http://www.melanomauk.org.uk)

Tel: 0808 171 2455

### Macmillan Cancer Support

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

Tel: 0808 808 0000

### Veterans UK

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk)

Tel: 0808 1914 218

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## Dermatology Skin Cancer Nurse Specialist (DSCNS)

Information for patients and relatives



This leaflet explains the role of the DSCNS involved in your care at Leighton Hospital, Crewe.

## **What is a DSCNS?**

Your DSCNS is an experienced nurse who specialises in the care and support of people diagnosed with skin cancer. They have the skills, knowledge and experience to support you with your diagnosis.

Your DSCNS is Sister Kerry Rigby. She is also your keyworker. She works closely with the skin cancer multi-disciplinary team and other staff at the hospital.

## **What does your DSCNS provide?**

If you have skin cancer or are having tests to confirm possible skin cancer, it can be a worrying and frightening time for you, your relatives or carers.

Your DSCNS will:

- Offer support and advice at any time throughout your treatment.
- Answer your questions and provide information.
- Provide emotional support, discussing any worries or concerns you may have.

- Help to co-ordinate your care, talking to other health care professionals involved in your care.
- Speak to you, your family and your GP (if you wish) about your particular type of cancer and the different treatment options.
- Provide you with contact details in case you need to ask any further questions.

## **Where can you see your DSCNS?**

In the Dermatology Department in the Satellite Unit at Leighton Hospital.

You are welcome to bring a relative or friend to your consultation.

If you would prefer to see a consultant at any stage of your treatment, please let your DSCNS know and they can arrange this for you.

## **How to make contact**

If you have any questions or concerns, please telephone Sister Kerry Rigby on 01270 273843.

Dermatology Secretarial Team can be contacted on 01270 612384.

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, please contact the Appointment helpline on 01270 612200.