

## Important news about blood services at Aintree University Hospital

This information is about some changes to Haematology (blood services) at Aintree University Hospital. Please read this information carefully as it includes some important updates about your care if you have a suspected or confirmed blood cancer or some other blood conditions (e.g. MGUS and MPN).



## Changes from 1st February 2022

From 1st February 2022, the blood cancer specialists in the Haematology team at Aintree University Hospital will be part of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, not Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

They will deliver a new specialist Haemato-Oncology service for confirmed or suspected blood cancers e.g. leukaemias, lymphomas and myelomas. The service will also monitor a number of other conditions (e.g. MGUS and MPN).

### What this means

- You will still see the same team of doctors, nurses and other staff, along with some new faces. Your consultant will not change.
- Your appointments will continue to be at the Aintree University Hospital site – this includes your chemotherapy, blood tests, scans and any face-to-face consultations.
- Outpatient clinics will stay in Clinic G.

#### You will continue being cared for by the same consultant:

**Dr Yassir Suliman,**  
Consultant Haemato-Oncologist

**Dr Vikram Singh,**  
Consultant Haemato-Oncologist

**Dr Jeff Smith,**  
Consultant Haemato-Oncologist

**Dr Lynny Yung,**  
Consultant Haemato-Oncologist

## There will be a few changes:



Your hospital letters and appointments will come from The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust instead of Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



Your chemotherapy treatment will move to a dedicated standalone cancer unit called the Marina Dalglish Centre at Aintree University Hospital instead of the current location in Phoenix Day Unit. The Marina Dalglish Centre has been designed specifically for people with cancer and provides a very comfortable and welcoming environment. There is more information about the Marina Dalglish Centre below.



Your bloods will be done in outpatient clinic (Clinic G), and community clinics including the drive through clinic on the Aintree site unless you are given a specific appointment to have your blood taken in the Marina Dalglish Centre.



You will have access to a range of support services from the team at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. Their Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) will also be there to support you with any queries or concerns.

## Reasons for these changes

Haemato-Oncology has become increasingly specialist as researchers learn more about what causes blood cancers and the best ways of treating each patient.

Last summer we asked patients, carers and others with experience of local blood cancer services for their views on whether the Aintree University Hospital team should join together and combine their expertise with colleagues in The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. People overwhelmingly agreed it was the right thing.

Bringing the Haemato-Oncology teams at Aintree University Hospital and The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre together in this way means both hospitals can continue to offer the very best care as new, more complex treatments emerge.

It also means that in time we will be able to offer a wider range of treatments, clinical trials and support services that are usually only available in bigger hospitals with more blood cancer patients and staff. You can find out more here: <http://www.clatterbridgecc.nhs.uk/patients/bloodcancer2021>

## Who to contact for further information

We hope this information has been helpful. If you have any questions about these changes, the blood cancer team will be very happy to help. You can call the team on **07387 545841** or ask staff at your next appointment.

## About the Marina Dalglish Centre

The Marina Dalglish Centre at Aintree University Hospital is a dedicated standalone cancer unit occupying the whole of Level 5. Thanks to the generous support of the Marina Dalglish Appeal, it has been specially designed to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for people having chemotherapy and other therapies.

The Marina Dalglish Centre has its own toilets. Patients can enjoy free tea, coffee and water with a vegetarian soup option and a roll at lunchtime. You are also very welcome to bring your own meals and snacks if you prefer.

### From February 2022

#### If you are being treated for a blood cancer or related condition:

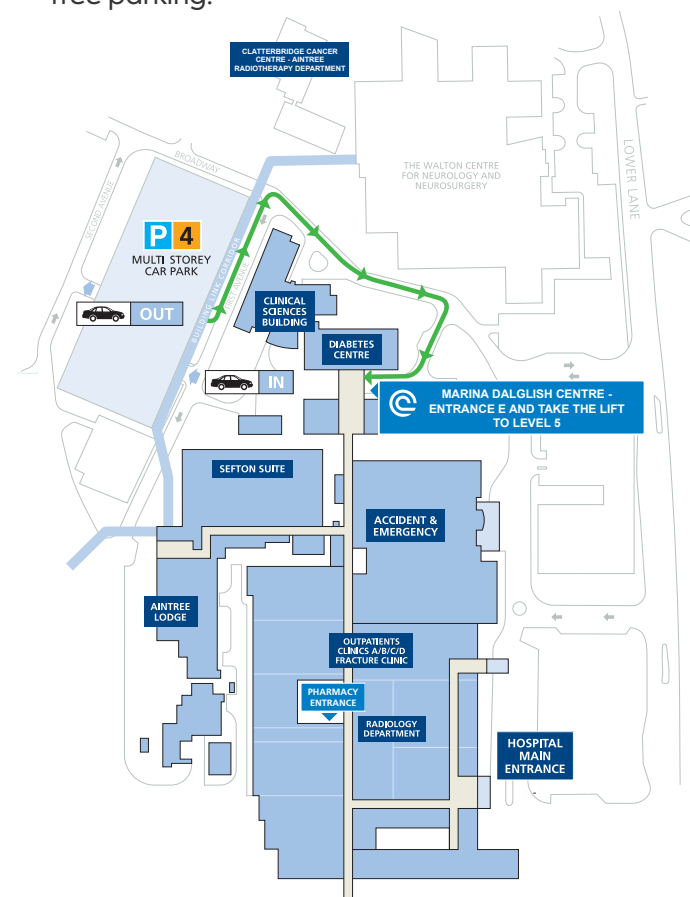
- Contact the Haemato-Oncology (bloodcancer) team - call 07387 545841
- Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) email: [ccf-tr.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ccf-tr.pals@nhs.net) phone: 0151 556 5203
- Cancer Information & Support Centre email: [ccf-tr.informationcentre@nhs.net](mailto:ccf-tr.informationcentre@nhs.net) phone: 0151 318 8805 / 0151 556 5570

#### For all other haematology (blood) conditions:

- Contact the Clinical Haematology (blood) team on 0151 706 3397

## Getting to the Marina Dalglish Centre

Use **Entrance E** of Aintree University Hospital for easy access to the Marina Dalglish Centre and take the lift straight to Level 5. The map shows you how to get there from the multi-storey car park. (Follow the green route on the map below to Entrance E. Entrance E is next to the Diabetes Centre). People under the care of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre are entitled to free parking. Staff will validate your ticket to give you free parking.



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