

Our questions

Holistic Needs Assessments (HNAs)

- 1) Do patients with secondary breast cancer have a Holistic Needs Assessment (HNA), used to plan their care, conducted at the point of diagnosis (of their secondary breast cancer) and/or as their treatment changes?
 - No
- 2) If **yes**, do the HNAs cover the following areas?
 - Emotional concerns and needs (yes/no)
 - Physical concerns and needs (yes/no)
 - Information needs (yes/no)
 - Consideration of palliative care needs (yes/no)

Access to a Clinical Nurse Specialist

- 3) How many people with secondary breast cancer are currently under the care of your Trust? **Unknown**
- 4) Do all patients with secondary breast cancer under the care of your Trust have access to a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience of secondary breast cancer? **Yes**
- 5) If **yes**, do these nurses:
 - a) provide care to secondary breast cancer patients only? **No**
 - b) provide care to both primary and secondary breast cancer patients? **Yes**
- 6) If **yes**, please provide the number of CNS posts that fall under each of these categories (as applicable):
 - a) CNSs that provide care to secondary breast cancer patients only - **0**
 - b) CNSs that provide care to both primary and secondary breast cancer patients - **6**
- 7) If there are CNS posts within your Trust ***that provide care to both primary and secondary breast cancer patients***, please tell us if they:
 - a) work in a combined role (where the care of both primary and secondary breast cancer patients is part of their formal job description) **No**
 - b) work across both areas but their formal job description only covers primary breast cancer patients **Yes**

Information and referrals

- 8) At diagnosis and/or during the time they are under the care of your Trust, are patients with secondary breast cancer provided with the following information and/or referred to the following services?
 - local and national secondary breast cancer support services - **No, not dedicated only to secondary breast cancer.**
 - specialist services for financial and employment advice - **No, not dedicated only to secondary breast cancer.**

- information on talking to those closest to them about the impact of living with secondary breast cancer - [Yes](#)
- information about support available for family members - [No](#)
- local palliative and supportive care services, including referral for symptom control when needed - [Yes](#)
- support and information on planning end-of-life care - [Yes](#)

Treatment Summaries

- 9) Do patients with secondary breast cancer receive a Treatment Summary* at the end of each significant phase of treatment? - [No](#)

Access to Health and Wellbeing Events

- 10) Does your Trust offer a Health and Wellbeing event* suitable for patients with secondary breast cancer? - [No](#)

By suitable, we mean that it is adapted to be relevant to the needs of those living with secondary breast cancer. For example:

- focuses on living with cancer, rather than adapting after finishing treatment
- may be more than one session, rather than a single event
- may include discussions on specific topics such as palliative care

*(*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. An example of this is Breast Cancer Care's 'Living with Secondary Breast Cancer' service)*