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**Subject:** Trust Support Services for Cancer Patients and Families

- What support do you offer for the family members of patients being treated for cancer within your NHS trust? (Support can include anything that would contribute to the emotional well-being of an individual, such as support groups, counselling or advice).
- A1 The lung cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) team offers and provides support (information, advice & emotional support) to family members of patients known to them i.e. within the Liverpool Lung Cancer Unit population that attend Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.
- Q2 Does your NHS Trust provide any tailored support specifically for young people (under 25s) who have family members being treated for cancer? If so, please could you provide details.
- A2 No tailored support provided, however we would signpost or refer to appropriate services.
- Q3 Are services actively offered to patients' family members, or do they have to approach the Trust themselves to request support?
- A3 Yes as part of patient care the Lung cancer CNS team would offer support to family members and respond to individual contact made to the team.