

## **Press release**

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### **Cancer and carers information available in Mablethorpe**

Residents of Mablethorpe and the surrounding areas will continue to have access to confidential and general advice about cancer and caring.

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service at United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) is working in partnership with the Lincolnshire Carers Partnership, Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council, Young Carers Partnership and Carers Connect to provide information and advice outreach sessions at Mablethorpe library.

The sessions were piloted for six months and were such a success that they will be restarting on Friday 12 March, and will now be held on the second Friday of each month from 10am to 1pm.

Macmillan cancer information nurses will be on hand with display boards and leaflets on a range of topics related to cancer for anyone who would like to take them away or discuss further. A private room will also be made available to anyone wanting to have a confidential talk with staff.

Carers team staff will also be on hand to give advice and information not only to cancer patient carers, but all carers. Specialist benefits advice from Carers Connect will also be available for carers needing this service.

Appointments to meet the team can be made at the library in advance of the sessions.

Macmillan Information and Support Services Lead for ULHT, Caroline Boyer, said: "We will be on hand to provide information and support to anyone affected by cancer which includes patients, carers, family or friends, or anyone who just wants to know more about cancer.

"Although we have three hospital-based Cancer Information and Support Centres at Lincoln, Boston and Grantham, we wanted to bring the service out to Mablethorpe and support the needs of local people," she said.

Carers Lead for Lincolnshire Carers Partnership at Lincolnshire County Council, Sarah Oliver, said: "Carers have told us they often feel isolated and don't know where to go for information. I hope local carers will come along and find out what support and information is available to help to reduce this feeling of isolation."

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