

Introduction to patient/parent held oncology records

The patient/parent held oncology records have been developed to provide you with information and help you communicate between the nurses and doctors you will meet during treatment. There is a contact sheet at the front of these records with the telephone numbers that you may need.

If your community nurse visits or you attend hospital, please take these records with you and ask the doctor or nurse to write in them.

Blue section

This section provides a record of:

- Blood result records, including MRSA swabs, bung and dressing changes
- Appointment and diary sheets
- Information/record sheet
- Trips and events form

Red section

This section provides the information you will need for day to day care, including:

- Understanding blood counts
- **What to do if your child is unwell** (Febrile neutropenia)
- Vaccinations and immunisations
- Central venous line or IVAD information
- Chickenpox
- Removal of central lines

Green section

This section provides information about treatment, including:

- Chemotherapy
- Common chemotherapy drugs

- Morphine for pain relief
- Lumbar Puncture (LP) and Bone Marrow (BM) tests

Purple section

This section contains details of support and includes information on:

- Support and counselling
- Paediatric oncology outreach nurse specialist (POONS)
- Play staff
- Piam Brown classroom
- Long-term follow-up clinics
- End of treatment frequently asked questions

Orange section

This section provides general advice and includes information on:

- General advice
- Food and drink
- Mouthcare
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhoea and constipation
- Radiotherapy