**New-look cancer support centre at county hospital to open**

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**Those living with cancer and their loved ones are invited to drop into the new-look Macmillan Cancer Support Centre at Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford, which is to be relaunched.**

The existing centre has been extended into the former Rehabitat shop area at the hospital, which is run by The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH), creating a more friendly and spacious environment for any visitors.

Decorated in calming green and blues, there is now a room with plenty of information leaflets and help to hand, so visitors can just drop in or book an appointment. There is also a separate room for private chats.

The work has been funded by Macmillan Cancer Support, which is a charity providing specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer, and was supported by SaTH’s Estates Department.

Ella Sadd, Macmillan Support Centre Assistant Manager at SaTH, said: “I would like to encourage anybody affected by cancer who needs any support to either just drop in for a cuppa or book an appointment.

“We officially open on Monday 6 February and our doors will then be open Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Come along to see us, we would love to see you.”

Sara Biffen, Acting Chief Operating Officer at SaTH, said: “The centre looks wonderful after the refurbishment work. It is so nice that visitors can go along and now have a new area, where they can sit and chat with the support of Macmillan to hand.”

Tudor Humphreys, Macmillan Partnership Manager for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, said: “It’s fantastic to be able to relaunch this new-look centre which has been having a positive impact on the local community for many years already. Being diagnosed with cancer can affect so many different areas of your life, from relationships to finances.

“The Macmillan Cancer Support Centre will hopefully feel more comfortable while continuing to support people with all those non-clinical needs, to enable them to live well with cancer, not just survive.”

The Macmillan Cancer Support team at PRH can be contacted on 01952 565702 or email [sath.macmillaninformation@nhs.net](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CHWTWTelfordAdmin%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5C3IQDBRRQ%5Csath.macmillaninformation%40nhs.net)

**Captions:**

1. *Ella Sadd, Macmillan Support Centre Assistant Manager at SaTH, at the new-look centre*
2. *The Macmillan Cancer Support Centre, which is to be relaunched on Monday 6 February*

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**Notes for Editors:**

* The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust runs the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and is the main provider of acute hospital care for almost 500,000 people from Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales. Patients come to us from Telford, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Whitchurch, Newtown and Welshpool in Powys.
* The Trust continues to work with its partners in health and social care in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales to develop patient-focused services that meet the needs of our communities.
* If you have any feedback about local healthcare, independent support and signposting is available from Healthwatch Shropshire, Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin and Powys Community Health Council (CHC):
* Healthwatch Shropshire: 01743 237884 or email the team via enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk
* Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin: 01952 739540 or email info@healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk
* Powys CHC: 01686 627632 or email enquiries.powyschc@waleschc.org.uk
* **About Macmillan Cancer Support**At Macmillan, we give people with cancer everything we’ve got. If you’re diagnosed, your worries are our worries. We will help you live life as fully as you can.
And we don’t stop there. We’re going all out to find ever better ways to help people with cancer, helping to bring forward the day when everyone gets life-transforming support from day one. We’ll do whatever it takes.
For information, support or just someone to talk to, call 0808 808 00 00 or visit macmillan.org.uk

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