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Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre is located adjacent to the main reception desk at the Beacon Centre, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

Who can use the centre?
We provide an informal drop-in information and support service for patients, their family and friends affected by cancer.

What does the centre provide?
- First point of contact for free written and verbal information and advice
- A relaxed and friendly environment offering a confidential, unbiased and sensitive ‘listening ear’ if you want to talk
- A wide range of information leaflets, books, DVD’s and CD’s relating to cancer
- Liaison with other relevant health professionals and local organisations which may enhance your quality of care. We can sign post and refer you to internal services and external agencies with your permission
- Assisted internet access – a member of the Cancer Information and Support team can provide you with access and/or information to good quality trusted sites on the internet. Printouts can be supplied if required
- Financial/benefits advice – you can discuss you needs with a Macmillan Benefits Advisor, in the strictest of confidence. Please ask a member of the Cancer Information and Support team to arrange an appointment for you

What are the opening times?
The centre is open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.
Although the centre is not always manned you can take any information from the racks. If you have any further questions or need any specific advice see our contact details below.

Contact details
Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre
01823 344252
(a direct line) Please leave a message if we are unable to take your call.
Cancer.Info@tst.nhs.uk
Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre,
The Beacon Centre,
Musgrove Park Hospital
Taunton TA1 5DA

Other support organisations for anyone affected by cancer

Macmillan Cancer Support
0808 808 0000
www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer Research UK
0300 123 1022
www.cancerresearch.uk.org

Somerset Direct
Community Services for Adults
0300 123 2224
www.somerset.gov.uk

Macmillan Citizens Advice Benefit Advisors
Taunton: 01823 448960
Yeovil: 0344 488 9623
Weston Super Mare: 0344 411 1444
www.macmillan.org.uk/in-your-area/choose-location.html

Department for Work & Pensions
Benefits Enquiry Line:
0345 608 8545
www.dwp.gov.uk

NHS Choices
www.nhs.uk
(Information correct at the time of review).