

## Information on free WIG service

Hair Affairs is based at Macmillan Support and Information Centre. We supply and fit wigs for cancer and alopecia patients. Under a new contract with Belfast Health & Social Care Trust we supply, completely free of charge, an up-market range of monofilament wigs which are lighter and more comfortable to wear. They have a 'skin like' top, which makes the wig real looking and allows the hair to fall naturally. We have a large range of lengths, colours and styles and we also cut and style them if necessary.

At present we keep 16 different brand names, including:

- TRENDSCO
- ELLEN WILLE
- DIMPLES
- GISELA MAYER
- RENE OF PARIS
- NATURAL IMAGE

All of these are supplied free of charge on the NHS if you are going through treatment at Belfast City Hospital. Be sure to ask the nurse or person treating you for information, or ring us on 02890 699201 and ask for the Hair Salon.

We also keep a large range of turbans and bandanas, wig brushes, head stands, shampoo and conditioners. Unfortunately these are not free but are reasonably priced. We are contractors for the Belfast City Hospital, the Royal Victoria, the Mater, Musgrave, Royal Hospital for sick children, Antrim Hospital, Causeway and Braidvalley.

### Below are some examples of Wigs

Rene of Paris



Trendco



Dimples



# Support for people affected by cancer

**Macmillan Support & Information Centre**  
**77-81 Lisburn Road.**  
**Belfast, BT9 7AB**  
**Tel: 02890 699201**

Developed as a joint venture with Belfast City Hospital, Macmillan Cancer Support, Action Cancer, Ulster Cancer Foundation, and Friends of the Cancer Centre, the Centre provides high quality information and support free of charge to people affected by cancer.

## **Services available at the Centre:**

- Information and support
- Counselling and Clinical Psychology
- Complementary therapy
- Wig fitting
- Coffee bar

## **Classes available**

- Yoga
- Meditation
- Art therapy
- Hypno-relaxation
- Tai Chi
- Pilates

For more information about the services on offer and dates and times for the classes please ring or drop into the centre.

Opening times are 9am-4pm. Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays)

## **How to find us**

The Centre is on the Lisburn Road directly behind the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital.

**By Bus:** Buses from the city centre stop right outside Belfast City Hospital. Metro Bus runs a regular service on routes 9a and 9b past the Macmaillan Support & Information Centre.

**By Rail:** Northern Ireland Railways have a railway station immediately adjacent to the hospital. Trains run regularly with connections on the Bangor, Derry, Dublin, Larne, Newry, Portadown and Portrush lines to Great Victoria Street and Belfast Central stations.

**Car Parking:** Car Parking is available on the Belfast City Hospital Site. Parking charges apply.

## Information for patients who lose their hair as a result of treatment

If you are receiving chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment that will result in hair loss, you will be given a referral form to see a cosmetician by your nurse or therapy radiographer. This referral form entitles you to a consultation with a cosmetician (hairdresser) and a wig from a selected range of styles, free of charge. If after six months you are still having treatment that results in hair loss another referral form can be given to you by your nurse or therapy radiographer for a replacement wig.

Before you start chemotherapy or radiotherapy that will result in hair loss you should make an appointment with the cosmetician (hairdresser) as soon as possible, rather than waiting for hair loss to begin. This will help to ensure that a wig is available for you when it is required. The contact details for the wig fitting service are included in this leaflet.

### **About the service**

There are various styles available and you can choose a style and colour to suit you. The cosmetician (hairdresser) will make every effort to match colour and style to your own hair. They are very experienced in providing this service and will be able to advise you on the style and care of your wig. This service is by appointment and you should bring your referral form with you to your first appointment.

If the wig you want is in stock, you will be able to have it fitted that day. However, if it has to be ordered the supplier will contact you when the wig comes in to arrange another appointment.

When you received your wig the supplier will ask you to sign your referral form to confirm this and they will send it to the appliance officer. If you are unable to collect your wig in person, you should sign the referral slip and return it to the appliance officer once you have received your wig.

### **Contact Details**

Hair Affair  
Macmillan Support & Information Centre  
Belfast City Hospital,  
77-81 Lisburn Road,  
Belfast, BT9 7AB  
Tel: 02890 699201

### **Hair Affair**

86 Duke Street  
Waterside,  
Londonderry, BT47 1DQ  
Tel: 02871 344187

For in-patients and out-patients attending Belfast City Hospital a visit by the cosmetician can be arranged through your nurse or radiographer. Patients can also arrange to be seen at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

**If you would like further information or have any concerns or questions about getting a wig please contact:**

The Appliance Officer  
Appliance Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
The Wakehurst Building,  
Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road  
Belfast, BT9 7AB  
Tel: 02890 329241