

Complementary Therapy Network

The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre (LJMC) at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre provides information, support, counselling and complementary therapies for people affected by cancer from:

- Bedfordshire
- Buckinghamshire
- Hertfordshire
- Middlesex
- North-West London

As part of our complementary therapy service we currently offer aromatherapy, Indian head massage, reflexology, reiki (as a pilot study within the drop-in centre and on the wards), and relaxation classes.

Since we opened in 1993, we have established a wide Network of professionally registered and experienced therapists who are interested in using their skills to work with people affected by cancer and who have undertaken further training with us in cancer care.

Many patients being treated at Mount Vernon Hospital have benefited from the complementary therapy service provided within the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre and on the wards. We are keen to encourage their therapy to continue once the sessions have come to an end. By providing a list of local therapists, the Network helps ensure that people can have complementary therapy support available within their own community.

Training is mandatory for those wishing to join the network and consists of two one-day workshops: **Cancer and its Treatments** followed by **Using Complementary Therapies with Cancer Patients**. We also organise therapists meetings 4 times a year, for support, information exchange and guest speakers. Once trained, therapists will be put onto the Network list. The list is held in the LJMC.

The criteria for therapists wishing to join the Network are outlined overleaf. We are sure that you will understand these criteria must be fulfilled by all therapists joining the network so that we can ensure high professional standards for patients associated with the Cancer Centre.

If you are interested in joining the Network and taking part in the training, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to us at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.

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Criteria for Membership of the Complementary Therapy Network

Members must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Have complementary therapy qualifications that are recognised by their relevant governing body.
2. Be registered with the relevant professional body for their therapy and abide by its rules, regulations and code of conduct.
3. Have up-to-date professional indemnity insurance, which they undertake a professional responsibility to maintain.
4. Must have practised their therapy for one year after qualification.
5. Have an interest in cancer care, and sensitivity regarding the issues for cancer patients.
6. Must be willing to undertake training with the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre on cancer treatment, side-effects and psychological effects on people affected by cancer.
7. Keep up-to-date with their own professional development.