

In the Spotlight



Name: Tracey Gunter

JOB TITLE: **MACMILLAN HAEMATOLOGY
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
FOR LYMPHOMA AND CLL
(CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKAEMIA)**

**Qualifications
& Experience:** Masters in Clinical Practice
Worked in Haematology for 26 years
Commenced as a Staff Nurse and
progressed to the role of Sister
10 years ago became the generic
Clinical Nurse Specialist for
Haematology
2 years ago took on current post
when the Clinical Nurse Specialist
role became disease specific

Role:

- Face-to-face clinics
- Telephone reviews
- Ward rounds
- Provide patient support in a key worker role
- Conduct holistic needs assessments
- Undertake referrals to support services to the third sector
- Patient Initiated follow-up clinics*

*** New Initiative – Patient initiated follow-up clinics**
Recently established clinic for incurable patients in remission. Rather than being seen routinely, patients are given information and skills to manage their disease with the knowledge they can telephone the service should they need advice and guidance or to come back into the service at any point

“I love blood. I can’t describe what it is about Haematology; there is something about it! As a team of doctors and nurses we are able to develop our roles to align with the needs of the patient, tailoring care to individual patient needs.

We approach the role from a patient perspective as well as clinical perspective, meet in the middle and make the role into exactly what the patient requires.

We work in a nurturing, friendly and warm environment.”