

## How it Works

**MelaNoMore Buddies** is a new part of MelaNoMore Support Group (MSG) and has set up a Buddy System aimed at offering support to those who want to talk with someone who has had similar experiences to those you are dealing with.

This service is available to all patients, their families and or carers who are being treated at the St Luke's Cancer Centre, Guildford or linked Hospital Trusts (Ashford & St Peters, East Surrey, Frimley Park and Clinics) where treatment is being given at St Luke's. Members will be eligible if aged 18 and over.

For those that wish to participate in the MelaNoMore Buddies Group either as a buddy or a friend then the first thing to do is to register your interest through the website. A simple check is then undertaken to ensure you are eligible for the service. Once verified you will be sent a form by email to register some basic details about yourself and in submitting that form back to us confirming your acceptance of the privacy notice.

If you would like to talk with a Buddy you should look through our Buddy biographies (Bios) to get a sense of which buddy you might like to talk with. We cannot guarantee a particular Buddy will be available as they are all in demand, but we will do our best to match you with a suitable Buddy

The rules of your Buddy/Friend contact can be established between you but there is one important rule for Buddies: in order to protect their privacy, they are not obliged to give their contact details to a Friend unless they wish to do so.

Every Buddy/Friend relationship will continue for up to six sessions. Eventually we really hope that the Friends who have been Buddied, then move on to become Buddy's themselves.

Should you have any questions or want to discuss your particular needs then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us:

See FAQs

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