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## Open day to mark World Cancer Day at QEH Cancer Wellbeing & Support Centre

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital’s Cancer Wellbeing and Support Centre is inviting the community to a free, open drop-in event to mark World Cancer Day 2026, taking place on Wednesday 4 February from 10am to 3pm.

The event is open to everyone - including patients, carers, family members, healthcare professionals, and anyone seeking information, reassurance, or support.

World Cancer Day is observed globally each February to raise awareness about cancer, promote prevention, and encourage action to reduce its impact. The event will shine a light on the Centre’s non-clinical support services, which play a vital role alongside medical care.

Attendees will be able to meet the team - including Caroline Howarth, Macmillan Information and Support Manager and Jane Cumming, Macmillan Cancer Care Patient Navigator pictured - and find out more about support available for:

* Financial concerns
* Emotional and listening support
* Hair loss
* Diet and nutrition
* Exercise and wellbeing
* Local services and carers’ support
* Practical and emotional help from partner organisations

Vicky Mitchell, Macmillan Information and Support Manager, said: “World Cancer Day is an important opportunity for us to open our doors and show that support goes far beyond clinical care.

“We’re here for anyone affected by cancer - whether that’s patients, families, carers, or people simply looking for information and reassurance. Our aim is to support the whole person, not just the diagnosis.”

The event is informal and no booking is required.

**Ends. Notes to editors;** For media enquiries only, please contact Communications Team, [media.enquiries@qehkl.nhs.uk](mailto:media.enquiries@qehkl.nhs.uk) or 01553 613216. For all other enquiries, please contact QEH Switchboard on 01553 613613.