

# A HANDY GUIDE ABOUT HOW THE KIRKWOOD CAN HELP

**THE  
KIRKWOOD  
SUPPORT  
LIFE.**

# SUPPORT LIFE

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO.

The Kirkwood exist to improve the quality of life for local people across Kirklees, against all the odds. Together, we help those in our care to live well and make the most of every single day. We make the complex simple by focussing on what's important. And we support families and loved ones to live on – and live well.

We are built on strong foundations. From the support of our donors and the public, to the support we provide to patients and their families. Support is what keeps our communities thriving and our people smiling. What gives us hope, and gives us the strength to face tomorrow by forever embracing today.

Through thick and thin, giant hugs and bottomless mugs, The Kirkwood Support Life across Kirklees.

If you need our help, you can call us any time, whether you've been in touch with us before or not. Call our 24/7 Advice Line on: **01484 557 910**

## THIS IS JO.

Some people would say that she's 'a bit like a Macmillan Nurse' as she supports people with cancer, but here in Kirklees it's nurses from The Kirkwood and not Macmillan who provide care to people in their own homes or care home when they are diagnosed with a life limiting illness.

Jo plays a vital role here in Kirklees, because she – like all The Kirkwood Nurses – supports people affected by any life limiting illness, not just cancer. Thanks to nurses like Jo, people in your community get the care they deserve, in their own homes or care home.



# A HANDY GUIDE ABOUT HOW THE KIRKWOOD CAN HELP

## We're here for you as soon as you receive your diagnosis

Whether you're newly diagnosed and want a friendly chat about what the future may hold or are looking for support to manage your condition, we're here for you.

## We can help you to focus on what matters to you

We're here to help you live well and make the most of every single day.

Support for families and carers

Specialist community nursing support

Help with symptom management

Wellbeing sessions

You can self refer by calling our Advice Line

Care Planning

Practical advice and signposting

## Join our movement of supporters

As a charity we rely on the support of local people, who help us to provide the very best care. Will you join us?

PATIENTS CAN CALL OUR 24/7 ADVICE LINE: 01484 557 910

## Providing the very best end of life care

When supporting you during an illness and at the very end of life, whether on our In-Patient Unit or at home, you'll receive the very best care from our team.

## Supporting patients and loved ones

We support our patients, their families and those who care for them, during illness and in bereavement too.

Support in your own home or care home

The best quality care on our In-Patient Unit

Support for the whole family

One to one bereavement counselling

Help us to continue our care

Get involved with fundraising at [thekirkwood.org.uk](http://thekirkwood.org.uk)

## MYTH BUSTING 101

"The Kirkwood can't care for me in my own home"

Here in Kirklees, we provide care and support for people in their own homes, in care homes and on our In-Patient Unit.

"For The Kirkwood to help, my GP has to refer me"

You can actually refer yourself or someone you care about to The Kirkwood. Simply call our Advice Line on: 01484 557 910

"The Kirkwood only help people at the very end of life"

Our team are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're newly diagnosed or struggling to cope with a bereavement - simply reach out to us.

"Isn't it Macmillan who provide palliative care in patients' homes in Kirklees?"

This is a common misunderstanding. Here in Kirklees it's The Kirkwood who actually provide palliative care for people at home and in care homes.

"I don't have cancer so The Kirkwood won't be able to help me"

We support people affected by any life limiting illness, including MND, Parkinson's, Heart Failure and COPD, not just cancer.

"Aren't you funded by the NHS?"

The Kirkwood is a charity, meaning we rely on the generosity of our local community to help fund our vital services each year.

# **WE BELIEVE EVERYONE AFFECTED BY A LIFE LIMITING ILLNESS DESERVES THE VERY BEST CARE.**

From every corner of Kirklees, to a street near you, we support life in every home and care home across your community, delivering dedicated care and support to all of those affected by a life limiting illness and their families. Just call us day or night, we are here for you, for your family and for Kirklees.

We focus on what is important and help families and loved ones to live on, and live well. The Kirkwood movement is united behind one common purpose – to Support Life.

This leaflet is available in different formats and languages for those who may require it. Please get in touch to request a copy.

## **Getting in touch**

For general enquiries call  
**01484 557 900**

For fundraising call  
**01484 557 911**

To donate to our shops call  
**01484 557 917**

**[thekirkwood.org.uk](http://thekirkwood.org.uk)  
[supportlife.com](http://supportlife.com)**