

“FORCE – a local charity, funded by local people for local people.”

About FORCE

Since 1987 FORCE and its supporters have raised over £17 million.

Almost £900,000 was raised specifically to build a dedicated Cancer Support Centre, located in the grounds of the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Wonford.

The Charity funds:

- FORCE Cancer Support Centre Services
- Pioneering local cancer research*
- State of the Art equipment

Anyone treated for cancer locally is almost certain to benefit from the work of FORCE.

Open

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Late evenings on Wednesdays:

9.30am to 6.30 pm

Closed on bank holidays.

*Research that does not involve animals or animal testing

FORCE Support Services are FREE and include:

- A warm welcome
- Somewhere to wait before a hospital appointment
- An information Library
- Oncology Support Nurse
- Oncology Support Specialists – for emotional and psychological support
- A range of complementary therapies
- A range of support groups
- A wig fitting service
- Stocks of scarves and other head ware (for sale)
- Relaxation Classes (and CDs for sale)
- Look Good Feel Better Workshops

To run these services FORCE continues to rely on:

- Voluntary Donations
- Friends of FORCE fund-raising groups
- Fund-raisers/sponsors
- The Award Winning FORCE Charity Shop, Heavitree

benefits advice



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We know having a Cancer diagnosis can increase your day to day living costs in many ways.

The Welfare Benefits system can seem daunting and hard to understand, and support is often needed to access what is available.

Not all Welfare Benefits are 'means tested', so in some instances the amount you have in savings or other assets are not taken into account.

Who will I see?

Here at FORCE we can offer an appointment with Mike Watson who is an experienced Citizens Advice Exeter Welfare Benefits Advisor.



What is available?

Mike can provide help with the following:

- A confidential assessment of your needs
- Access to any Benefits that you may be entitled to
- Help you fill in any Benefits forms

- Advice on other Grants available in addition to Welfare Benefits
- Information about entitlement to Carers Allowance – if you are looking after someone with cancer
- Advice about the Motability Scheme and help with Blue Badge applications
- Benefits check – if you are already receiving benefits
- Signposting to other Services for help with Employment or Financial Advice

How do I get advice about benefits?

The Welfare Benefits advice service is by appointment only. This can be either a telephone appointment or a face to face appointment at the FORCE Support Centre.

Help and advice is available for an initial assessment. Often, another appointment is needed to help with the application of Benefits.

Please call Annie Kerr or Nicky Cowley who can offer you an appointment with Mike.

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