

Wig Fitting Service Information For Cancer Patients

Who is the Service for?

The wig fitting service is for people who will experience hair loss as a side effect of their cancer treatment.

If hair loss is one of the side effects of your treatment a referral will be made to the wig fitting service by your treatment team. They will ask you for your consent to send a request to the wig fitting service provider.

The Trust's wig fitting service is provided by Tresses Wig and Hairpiece Boutique.

Tresses will contact you to arrange an appointment with the cosmetician (hairdresser) to choose a wig.

If you are a patient receiving treatment within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust there will be no cost to you for this service.

What type of wig can you get?

You can receive one synthetic hair wig free of charge.

Wigs come in a variety of colours, styles and lengths. The cosmetician will try to match colour and style to your own hair if that is what you want.

If you experience ongoing hair loss after 6 months you can receive a further wig at no cost to you. Please let your treatment team know so that they can make another referral for you.

When you receive your wig

If the wig you want is in stock, you will be able to get it and have it fitted at your appointment.

If it has to be ordered, the cosmetician will contact you to arrange a further appointment when the wig is in stock. When you have received your wig the supplier will ask you to sign the referral form to confirm this. If your wig is posted to you it will include a receipt slip. Please ring the Appliance Office to confirm you have received it on 028 9504 2231.

If you haven't received your wig within 4 weeks from the date your order was placed please let the Appliance Office know.

Where you can be seen

- Tresses Wig and Hairpiece Boutique, 64 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6AF.
- If you are an inpatient in the Cancer Centre or Belfast City Hospital Tower Block you can be seen on the ward.

Some Key Points:

- Your first appointment should last about 1 hour.
- You can bring someone with you to help you choose.
- You do not need to make a decision on your wig at your first appointment.
- The cosmetician will be able to provide you with support to choose a wig that you feel comfortable with and show you how to put it on.
- The cosmetician will advise you how to look after your wig.
- If your wig needs further adjustment or you have any concerns you can ring to make another appointment.
- The Trust will cover the cost of your wig. Any additional products offered by the company are **not** covered and will incur a cost to you if you decide to purchase.

Contact details for the service:

Tresses Wig and Hairpiece Boutique

64 Lisburn Road

Belfast, BT9 6AF

Tel: 028 9033 2221

Please note that Tresses cannot supply you with a wig until they have received a referral from the Trust. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of your treatment team.

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