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I am a member of BAHNON (British Association of Head & Neck Nursing) and would be interested in applying to become part of this working group.

I have been a Macmillan Head & Neck CNS for 20 yrs. This is a role and service that I have developed over the years. I have extensive experience in supporting head and neck patients throughout their disease trajectory. I have an excellent understanding and insight into the patient's pathway and support patients from the point of diagnosis. This role involves working collaboratively with the wider MDT team and supporting patients through some of the most life changing treatment on offer.



I'm working in the Regional Surgical Unit for head & neck cancer. We meet patients at the point of diagnosis and are seeing follow-up cancer surveillance patients post-surgical and oncological treatment for 5 years.

I have been involved in reviewing guidelines and policies and patient Macmillan patient information.

I am also privileged to manage, mentor and lead a small team of exceptional specialist nurses whose drive, passion and determination never fail to inspire me.

I have been an active BAHNON Committee member for many years. This has allowed me develop my confidence at National Level and to network and share good practice."

Salivary gland tumours are rare and patients can present with challenging and complex symptoms. The treatment for these cancers is complex, requiring the input and expertise of the MDT.

I'm interested in increasing my knowledge and in contributing to improve the patients experience.

I am a very experienced, confident and dedicated surgical head and neck CNS with a wealth of experience and knowledge who is working in a Regional Head and Neck unit.

I have been involved in updating patient information with Macmillan Cancer Support, which keeps me focused on improving patient care.

I have personal experience of Peer Review following an invitation to perform an external peer review of the head and neck cancer services in Doha (Qatar). The review took place in February 2015 and was part of the National Program of Cancer Peer Review.

I have previously contributed to the London Cancer Alliance (LCA) Head and Neck Nursing project in the past. Focusing on head and neck specialist nursing, it focused on complex work loads and identified resources required to deliver high quality, efficient care.