

Treatment choice and informed consent

- Why do I need to have surgery?
- Do I have a choice of other treatments?
- How successful is this type of surgery for this type of cancer?
- Will I need other treatment before or after surgery?

The surgery

- What type of surgery will I have, e.g. open surgery or keyhole surgery?
- What exactly will you do during the operation? Will you remove part or all of the cancer?
- How long will the surgery take?
- Could your plans to operate on me change? Why?
- What are the potential risks and complications?
- Do you have an information leaflet about the surgery I will be having done?

Side effects and recovery

- What way will this surgery affect me?
- Will I have tubes and drains?
- Will I have any pain? How will it be managed?
- How long will I be in hospital?
- Who can I contact if I have problems when I go home?
- How often will I need check-ups?
- What kind of support is available to people who have this type of surgery?

6.4 Information about the Team

- Who will be involved in my care?
- Who can I contact before I have surgery if I have questions?