

## Celebrating National Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Day 2026

National Cancer Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Day is a day to celebrate and highlight everything that the cancer nursing workforce does for patients in the UK-wide health sector every day.

Here at MTW, we have 75 cancer CNS's providing outstanding care to some of our most in need patients every day and helping them and their families through their cancer journey, covering areas including haematology, palliative care, acute oncology, breast and urology.

A cancer clinical nurse specialist is a qualified nurse. They deliver, person-centred care to patients, providing them with specialist support, which includes information about their type of cancer, treatment options and possible side effects. They support people from the point of diagnosis and continue to be involved in their care throughout their cancer treatment.



As part of the National Cancer CNS Day celebrations this year, we are focussing on just a few of our colleagues working within the roles and hearing more about their experiences and what they enjoy most about providing care to patients. Next up is Hannah Fotheringham who has been qualified for 24 years and now lives in the Medway towns with her husband and son and two sausage dogs, Doug and Dot! We sat down with Hannah to find out a little more...

### **Tell us about your career and why did you want to become a CNS...**

I have had varied nursing roles in cancer, acute medicine, palliative care in my 24 years as a nurse. I wanted to become a Neuroendocrine Tumour CNS (NET) because I have a passion for rare cancers and really wanted to help support, these patients through their cancer journey.

### **What makes you passionate about your role and why is it so important?**

The patients through and through, and the help, guidance and support I provide to enable them to live well with cancer. I am the only NET CNS in Kent, its therefore vital these patients have a dedicated experienced CNS who understands their cancer diagnosis and can navigate the care required and advocate for them.

### **What does a normal working day look like for you?**

A normal day is very varied and involves supporting oncology clinics, lots of phone calls and liaising with hospitals and healthcare professionals to facilitate patient pathways.

### **What are your interests outside of work?**

I love walking – particularly with Doug and Dot! And I am also a Gillingham FC season ticket holder for my sins.

**Why would you encourage others to become a NET CNS and what do you love about your role?**  
The work is varied, the patients I look after are amazing, and the job is very rewarding. What I love most about my role is the patients and also how interesting and diverse neuroendocrine cancers are and that they can occur in any organ.

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