

# Wigs

N.B. There is a statutory prescription charge payable for wigs.

Wigs are usually made from washable mono-acrylic material. Wigs may be fitted at the hospital or supplied by a wig consultant or hairdresser from outside the hospital.

## Entitlement

Wigs are provided for patients undergoing cancer treatments. Wigs are also provided for hair loss due to a medical condition or treatment or following surgery but cannot be provided for normal hair loss due to age.

Patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment will be supplied with one wig initially and will be reviewed after six months when a second wig can be ordered if required. Other patients requiring wigs are also entitled to two per year (the prescription charge is applicable to both wigs). Should a patient want a more expensive wig than that provided by the NHS, the patient will be required to pay the difference in cost.