

## **David Wright**

### **Teenage Cancer Trust Lead Nurse for Teenagers and Young Adults**

David qualified in 1999 and first worked on the Adult Leukaemia Unit at the Christie Hospital. In 2002 he moved as a staff nurse to the Young Oncology Unit where he stayed until 2009, eventually becoming the ward manager. The time on the YOU allowed David to develop his skills in working with Teenagers and Young Adults with cancer. In 2009 he became the first Teenage Cancer Trust TYA Lead Nurse to be appointed in the Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Network. This was an exciting challenge to be working across a whole region with the aim of developing the TYA services and encouraging a greater degree of involvement between the Principal Treatment Centre and the TYA Designated Hospitals. In 2012 David moved back to The Christie to become the Teenage Cancer Trust Lead Nurse for TYA's for Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Lancashire and Cumbria region. This current role has the same remit as the previous lead nurse post but comes with the challenges of a much bigger area, different hospital configuration and a very different TYA team. He sits on several regional groups including the Greater Manchester Cancer Vanguard Innovation Oversight Group, Greater Manchester Haematology Pathway Board, Clinical Director for the Greater Manchester TYA Pathway Board and he chairs the Greater Manchester Lead Cancer Nurses Group. David was part of the Teenage Cancer Trust Nursing and Support Pilot - Bridging the Gap, that has recently won the Nursing Times inaugural HRH The Prince of Wales Award for Integrated Approaches to Care.

David is involved in various different national groups, including sitting on the newly formed Teenage Cancer Trust Nursing and YSC Advisory Group, being a trustee and the treasurer for Teenagers and Young Adults with Cancer (TYAC) and has been a Clinical Lead for an NHS Improving Quality workstream that was looking at end of treatment issues for TYA's.