## Westerhaven cancer support centre opened by local MSP

## **GORDON MACDONALD MSP OPENS NEW CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**

Gordon Macdonald MSP for Edinburgh Pentlands recently opened the Westerhaven Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre. This centre is a joint venture between the Wester Hailes Health Agency, which has been supporting the local community since 1998, and Macmillan Cancer Support a charity dedicated to helping cancer sufferers and their families.

Gordon said "My family like many others has been touched by cancer. Over twenty years ago my father was diagnosed with lung cancer. A centre like Westerhaven would have been a godsend for us. With a free and confidential counselling service it would have supported us to understand my father's illness and allowed my family to talk about their concerns and worries."

Westerhaven is a new facility for people across the south west of Edinburgh affected by cancer and their families. The centre is somewhere where families and cancer sufferers can discuss issues, get support whether about their illness or of a financial nature.

The Drop-in service is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:30am-3pm at 1 Hailesland Road or phone 0131 442 3126 for an appointment.

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Macmillan Cancer Support also has a support line open Monday-Friday 9am-8pm which is free to phone 0808 8080000 if you want to talk about any aspect of a cancer diagnosis.