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Nerve Tumours UK: *iNForm*

NF is one of the world’s most common neuro-genetic conditions. NF is the group name for Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), NF2-related-Schwannomatosis (NF2) and Schwannomatosis (SWN).

Nerve Tumours UK funds a Specialist Support Network available to support and advise those with a diagnosis of NF. The network consists of a National Helpline and a team of regional Specialist NF Nurses working from bases within NHS Trusts, and with strong links to the local regional Genetics centres. They link with the many other professionals involved in the care of anyone with NF, supporting them at home, in education, in employment and how they can access the benefits system.

The National Helpline plays a particularly important role as it enables people to articulate their fears, express their distress and ask questions in a non-judgemental, safe and confidential way.

iNForm, one of our core services, is a unique Educational Advisory Service, through which we provide support and advice for students with NF, who are experiencing difficulties at Universities or other Colleges of Further Education.

The Specialist NF Nurse will be able to liaise directly with the Enabling Services Team to demonstrate how the condition directly affects the student in question, what help is required, and where this can be accessed. The student should feel much better understood as a result of this and if there are any concerns, they will know they can always speak to a Specialist NF Nurse, who knows them and can help.

If your university is an area not covered by one of the Specialist Nurses, your team member or the student in question will be able to contact the National Helpline, who can arrange an initial call or a Skype meeting.

Our support will have a positive influence on the mental health of the student, as well as eliminating the stresses and demands on them maybe being away from home for the first time, or being in a new location, as well as the usual stress relating to exams, social integration, etc.

Our support and advice provides an undisputed improved outcome for students that are diagnosed with a life altering genetic condition. This impact will extend beyond the educational years and through into employment. Students will be able to reach their potential in life in spite of being diagnosed with NF.

Yours sincerely

Please either request your student information pack at info@nervetumours.org.uk or by calling 020 8439 1234 or send this letter to Nerve Tumours UK, First Floor, 44 Coombe Lane, London SW20 0LA or advise the student to contact us, so that *iNForm* can help you support the student in your care.

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