

Patient Information

# Cancer Services

## 2 Week Wait Referral

**This leaflet explains why your GP has referred you to the hospital, what it means and what you need to do.**

### **Why have I been referred urgently to hospital?**

You have been referred urgently because your GP feels your symptoms need further investigation and has referred you to a Specialist Doctor or member of the team. You can expect to be seen or contacted quickly to find out if it could be cancer. .

### **Does this mean I have cancer?**

There are many common conditions that your symptoms could be linked to, including the possibility of cancer. Most people who have an urgent referral don't have cancer. It is important that you are seen early because if any cancer is found it is important that it is treated quickly.

This is an urgent referral and you will be offered an appointment at the hospital or a phone call consultation within two weeks.

If you are not available for your appointment 2 or more times, or if you do not come for your appointment without letting the hospital know, we will review your referral and may refer you back to your GP.

### **What will happen at the hospital?**

When you have your first hospital appointment you will usually see a Specialist Doctor or member of the team, or have a diagnostic test. If you have any tests, please follow all instructions given to you about the tests.



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Where possible, please come to the appointment on your own. If you need to bring someone with you, this should be just one person and should be someone that lives in your house or is part of your support bubble.

### **COVID-19 and keeping you safe**

You should not be afraid of going to the hospital as we are doing everything we can to keep you safe. However for the safety of everyone, please do not come to the hospital if:

- You think you might have coronavirus (COVID-19) or are showing any related symptoms
- You've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

### **Any questions?**

If you have any concerns or questions about your referral to hospital, please call your GP surgery and speak to the person who referred you.

### **Useful links for further information**

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support>

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact us on 024 7696 7238 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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