

Cancer Services

Two 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 the hospital?

Your GP feels your symptoms need further investigation. Your GP has referred you to a specialist doctor or member of the team. This is an urgent referral. You will be offered an appointment at the hospital or a phone call consultation within 2 weeks.

We will review your referral and may refer you back to your GP if:

- you're not available for your appointment 2 or more times
- you miss your appointment without letting the hospital know

Does this mean I have cancer?

There are many common conditions that your symptoms could be linked to. This includes the possibility of cancer. You will be seen or contacted quickly to find out if it could be cancer.

Most people who have an urgent referral do not have cancer. But it's important that you're seen early. If any cancer is found, it's important that it's treated quickly.

What will happen at the hospital?

You will usually see a specialist doctor or a member of the team. You may have a diagnostic test. If you have any tests, please follow all instructions given to you.



Patient Information

COVID-19 and keeping you safe

You should not be afraid of going to the hospital. We are doing everything we can to keep you safe. Do not come to the hospital if:

- you think you might have COVID-19
- you're showing any symptoms related to COVID-19

Any questions?

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

Useful links for more 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 0800 252 060 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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