

Urgent Hospital Appointments (within 2 weeks)

Why have you been referred to hospital to be seen within 2 weeks?

This 'two week' urgent referral system aims to diagnose and treat serious illnesses, including cancer, quickly. You will be seen by a hospital specialist within the next 14 days.

It is important to find out what is causing your current symptoms and further specialist advice and possible investigations are now needed. Most conditions are more likely to be cured if they are diagnosed and treated early.

Does this mean you have cancer?

The majority of patients referred under this system have a simple or benign condition and do not have cancer.

What will happen next?

The hospital will contact you (probably by telephone) to arrange an appointment or some tests. **Please make sure that your surgery has your correct contact details, including home and mobile telephone numbers.**

Appointments

It is very important that you attend your appointment so please do all you can to be available for the date the hospital gives you. Tell your GP if you are going to be away or too busy with work or other commitments to attend an appointment in the next 2 weeks.

You are welcome to bring someone with you for support.

If you are unable to attend an appointment please let the hospital know so that another patient can be offered that appointment. You will be offered a different date or time.

If you have not heard from the hospital within 7 days please contact your surgery.

The hospital specialist that you see will be happy to answer any questions that you have about the tests or treatment that you may need.