

Urgent Hospital Appointments (within 2 weeks)

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

The 'two week' urgent referral system aims to diagnose and treat serious illnesses, including cancer, quickly. It is important to find out why you have your current symptoms. Further specialist advice and possible investigations are now needed. You will be seen by a hospital specialist within the next 14 days.

Does this mean I have cancer?

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

What will happen next?

You will be contacted (probably by telephone) to arrange an appointment or for tests.

Why is it important for me to attend the appointment within 2 weeks?

Treatments for most conditions will be more successful if the diagnosis is made at an early stage.

If you are unable to attend an appointment you must let the hospital know, so that alternative arrangements can be made.

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

If you choose to delay your appointment to go on holiday, this may affect the terms of your holiday insurance cover.

Can I bring someone with me to the appointment?

Yes, you are welcome to bring someone with you for support.

What should I do if I haven't heard anything about my referral?

If you have not heard about your referral within 7 days please contact your GP surgery.

Please make sure that your surgery has your correct contact details, including home and mobile telephone numbers.