



# Urgent Suspected Cancer Referral

County Durham and Darlington  
NHS Foundation Trust

## For your GP to complete

My name: .....

My NHS number: .....

I saw my GP on: .....

I should be seen in hospital before: .....

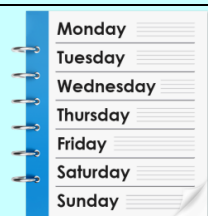
The speciality I am being referred to is:  
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If I have not heard from the hospital (within one week) by .....  
phone the hospital contact centre on: 01207 523641

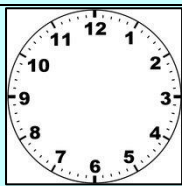


## For you to complete

My hospital appointment



Date: .....



Time: .....



Hospital: .....



Specialist doctor: .....

## This leaflet

**Urgent fast track referral**  
North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust

For your GP to complete:  
My name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My NHS number: \_\_\_\_\_  
My GP's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
I should be seen at hospital within: \_\_\_\_\_  
The specialty I'm being referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

If I have not heard from the hospital by \_\_\_\_\_ please \_\_\_\_\_  
the hospital contact number you should contact: \_\_\_\_\_

For you to complete:  
My hospital appointment:  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consultant doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

This leaflet uses easy words and pictures to help you get the information you need.



You might want someone to support you to look at the leaflet.



This leaflet is to help you understand your appointment. The appointment is called an urgent suspected cancer referral.



## Remember

An urgent suspected cancer referral **does not** always mean you have cancer.

## What does it mean?



An urgent suspected cancer referral means:

Your GP wants you to go to the hospital quickly. You will get an appointment in less than 2 weeks.



We will aim to tell you if you have cancer or not within 28 days.

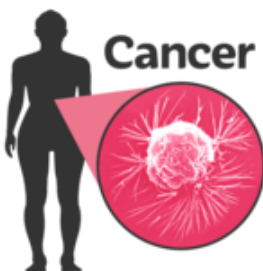
## Why am I being urgently referred?



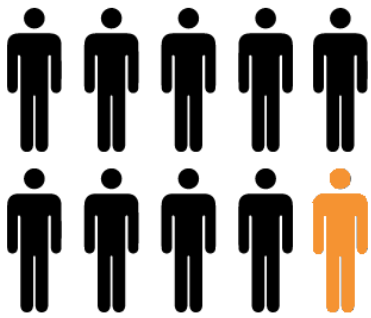
Your symptoms need to be checked.  
Your doctor wants you to see a specialist doctor as soon as possible.



We want any symptoms to be diagnosed and treated quickly.



Your symptoms may be caused by cancer.



Not everyone referred will have cancer.  
9 in 10 people referred in on an urgent cancer referral do not have cancer.



Your symptoms may be caused by a number of common conditions.

## How do I get my appointment?



Someone from the hospital will phone you with an appointment.

or

The hospital will send you a letter with your appointment details.

## Do you need reasonable adjustments?



Reasonable adjustments are things services can do to help you go to your appointment.

These can be:  
Easy read letters  
A longer appointment  
Wheelchair access  
Quiet waiting area



If you need reasonable adjustments tell your GP and the hospital before your appointment.

## How do I get to hospital?



If you cannot use public transport, drive or arrange your own transport, you may be able to use the patient transport service.



If you require patient transport, speak to the receptionist at your GP surgery as soon as possible.

## If you cannot go to the appointment you are offered?



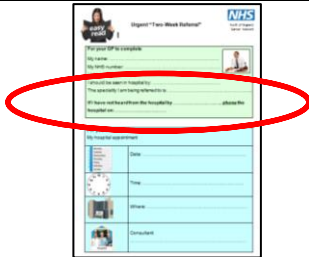
Your GP thinks your symptoms need to be looked at quickly.

It is important you try to go to the appointment.









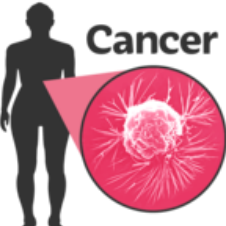
If you cannot go to the appointment.

Phone the hospital as soon as possible on: **01207 523641**



If you cancel or miss your appointment, the hospital will do their best to get you seen as soon as possible.

## What will happen at my appointment?

	<p>Information on what will happen at your appointment, and any tests, will normally be sent with your appointment letter.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the appointment contact the hospital.</p>
	<p>You may find it useful to write down any questions you want to ask the specialist doctor at your appointment.</p>
	<p>The specialist doctor will give you a lot of information.</p> <p>You can bring someone to support you to the appointment.</p>
 <p>Hospital</p>	<p>The specialist doctor may need to do some tests. Tests might include blood tests or scans.</p>
	<p>The tests may happen at different times.</p> <p>You may have tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• before you see your specialist doctor</li><li>• during the appointment with your specialist doctor</li><li>• after the appointment with your specialist doctor</li></ul>
	<p>You will be given the results of your tests by the specialist doctor.</p> <p>Some test results you get the same day. Some test results will take a few days.</p>
 <p>Cancer</p>	<p>If a cancer is found the specialist doctor will tell you what will happen next.</p>

## Word Bank

Cancer	The body is made up of lots of tiny pieces called cells. Sometimes the cells go wrong. These cells can affect other cells, forming a tumour. Some tumours are called 'malignant'. Malignant tumour can spread to different parts of the body. This is a cancer.
Tumour	Group of cells in the body that have gone wrong.
Malignant tumour	A tumour that can spread to different parts of the body.
Diagnosis	A diagnosis is when the doctors know what type of disease you have.
NHS	The National Health Service is the publicly funded healthcare system for England.
Symptom	Signs that tell you there is something wrong with the body. For example a headache or feeling tired all the time.

Use this space to make any notes.

