

Non-Site-Specific Service – Information leaflet for patients

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Telephone: 01484 34 3258

Why have I been referred?

The Non-Site-Specific service is a newly funded service at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust, aimed at achieving earlier diagnosis of **possible** cancer. You have been referred to our team because the referring clinician **suspects you have a condition that requires URGENT Investigation.**

Because this referral is urgent, it means that you will offered a telephone consultation and/or a clinic appointment within two weeks.

Does this mean I have cancer?

NO it doesn't. Most patients will not have cancer but may have another diagnosis. However, you have been referred because you need to see a specialist or have some investigations quickly to find out what is wrong with you. Please note that as part of our routine work up we offer a HIV test and we will require your consent for this.

What happens next?

- An initial telephone consultation will be completed by a member of the team who will ask you some questions. This is important to help us gather information about the symptoms you are experiencing.
- If we are concerned about your condition, we may organise for you to attend a clinic appointment or be admitted to hospital for investigations under the most appropriate medical team.
- You will be contacted to agree the next steps and you will be kept fully informed throughout by the team.
- Most patients will not have cancer but possibly another condition that may require referral to other specialist teams for further assessment and tests.
- If you do not require further tests, you will be referred back to your GP. They can provide advice about improving your health and managing your condition if appropriate.

Please note if you are required to attend a clinic appointment you can bring a friend or relative with you. We would encourage you to do this as you may be given a lot of information.

Who we are:

Lucy Beckingham– Programme Manager

Dr Sylvia Feyler – Consultant in Haematology

Ursula Johnson – Lead Nurse

Beverley Kwaning- Physician Associate

Sam Foster – Care Coordinator

Linzi Haigh – Patient Care Navigator

Dr Madhuri Navuluri – Lead GP

Any Questions?

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your referral, please contact the non-site specific team on 01484 34 3258.