

Your Referral to the Vague Symptom Pathway

You have been referred to the Vague Symptom Pathway at the Rapid Diagnosis Centre by your GP. This clinic will investigate your symptoms to rule out the possibility of cancer. We understand that this referral may feel worrying, but it is important to remember that many people referred to this pathway are not diagnosed with cancer. The clinic is designed to help find answers quickly and ensure you receive the most appropriate care.



Once you have been referred to the clinic, the referral will be assessed and if appropriate you will receive a phone call from the nurse, usually within 2 working days. Please be aware this telephone call may appear from an unknown or withheld number so please don't ignore it. Please ensure the health professional referring you has your most up to date contact information. If you do not receive a telephone call within 3 working days, please contact your GP.



During this call, the nurse will go through your referral and ask questions about your existing symptoms and general wellbeing; this will ensure you receive the best possible care and support at the clinic. The nurse will be able to answer any questions that you or your family may have about your appointment.

The team will let you know the location, date and time of your appointment during the phone call. Please be aware that your appointment may be arranged at short notice and you will need to attend the hospital for a few hours. The team will explain any results available on the day. You may wish to bring someone with you to your appointment.



It's important that you attend the appointment that has been made for you. However, if you are unable to attend, please contact the appropriate clinic as soon as possible.



Once your investigations are complete, you may be referred to another specialist team for further tests or treatment, or you may be referred back to your GP. The nurse will let you know what will happen next and your GP practice will also be kept informed.