

Patient information

Non Site Specific Rapid Diagnostic Service

Surgical Division / Broadgreen Hospital

What is the non site specific rapid diagnostic service?

The non site specific rapid diagnostic service is a service that provides an established referral pathway for specialists avoiding unnecessary delay to patients who present with none site specific but concerning symptoms.

Some of these symptoms can include:

- Unexplained weight loss
- Abdominal pain
- Tiredness
- Nausea or appetite loss
- Abnormal bloods.

Why have I been referred urgently to the non site specific rapid diagnostic service?

You have recently been to see your GP or attended hospital and they have made the decision to refer you to this service because you have non site specific symptoms that may need further investigations.

In most cases the symptoms are not a sign of anything serious but sometimes they can be a sign of cancer. They should have explained to you the reasons for the referral.

Your specialist will have already organised some blood tests and other tests which will allow us to have to right information before the assessment.

Does this mean I have cancer?

There are many causes for these symptoms and this referral does not always mean you have cancer. Many people referred to this service do not have cancer.

What happens next?

Once the referral has been made to the service you will then be contacted by an advanced nurse practitioner who will do a telephone assessment and ask you questions about your symptoms. You should be contacted within two weeks of the referral being received. It is important that you tell the nurse all about yourself and the concerns you may have.

If the team feel you need a face-to-face assessment, you may be asked to attend a clinic appointment where you will be seen by a member of the team to discuss things further with you.

After the assessment

Your assessment will be discussed at a multi-disciplinary meeting which includes doctors and nurses. They will decide on what further investigations you need. You may be sent for further tests or brought to clinic. Additional tests may include more blood tests, ultrasound scan, CT scan, MRI scan or endoscopy. We will explain what these tests are. Sometimes you may be referred on to another specialist team.

The advanced nurse practitioners will contact you with the result of the tests or scans and explained the next steps. Depending on the results, you may be referred on to another specialist team or discharged back to you GP.

If you have not had any results within two weeks of your investigations, please contact the team on Tel: 0151 706 2882 or 07825061561.

Feedback

Your feedback is important to us and helps us improve the service.

Following to your appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Or complete using the QR code as below.



Further Information

If you have any questions you can contact:

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Tel: 0151 706 2882

Text phone number: 18001 0151 706 2882

or

Early Diagnosis Support Workers on Tel: 07384828669 who may be able to help you with appointments or other nonclinical enquiries.

Useful websites

Living Well

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/>

Faster Diagnosis Framework and Faster Diagnostic Standard **<https://www.england.nhs.uk/cancer/faster-diagnosis>**

Signs and Symptoms of Cancer **<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cancer/symptoms/>**

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