

# Important information about your URGENT appointment within two weeks to exclude or confirm cancer

## Why have I been referred to hospital?

Your General Practitioner (GP) or dentist has asked for an appointment at the hospital for you within two weeks. This is because you have symptoms that could indicate cancer.

The appointment you are offered will be within the next 14 days. Cancer will be confirmed or excluded within 28 days. If cancer is confirmed, your treatment should start within 62 days. Please ensure, as much as possible, that you're available to attend appointments.

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## Do not delay: please give it priority and attend the first appointment offered.

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## Does this mean I have cancer?

The tests are to find out whether or not you have cancer. 9 out of 10 people who are referred in this way are not diagnosed with cancer. However, for the small number of people who are, then the early diagnosis and treatment means that the cancer is more likely to be treated successfully.

## What should I do now?

**First:** You should ensure that all your contact details, including mobile number and email address, are correct with your GP / dental practice. Tell them about any dates in the next two weeks when you are not available. **This appointment is important so you should do all you can to ensure you are available and can take the first appointment offered.**

**Then:** You will get a letter or telephone call **within a week** about your appointment; if needed, specific information about attending the appointment will follow.

**If, within a week, you still have NOT heard from the hospital please check with your GP / dental practice that the referral has been made.** If it has, ring the correct hospital appointment number below:

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Addenbrooke's)	01223 274900
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (Hinchingsbrooke hospital)	01480 847557
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (Peterborough & Stamford hospitals)	01733 673555
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn NHS Trust	01553 613626
West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust	01284 713000

## When you get the appointment

**Make sure that you attend the hospital on the date and time you are asked to go.** If you wish, you can bring a family member or friend with you. **Contact the hospital if there is any problem with the date or time, using the details in your letter.**

**Helpful Link:** [www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-symptoms/what-is-an-urgent-referral](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-symptoms/what-is-an-urgent-referral)