

Primary Diagnostic Team

Why have I been referred to the Primary Diagnostic Team?

Your GP or hospital doctor may have results from your tests or examinations that show an abnormality.

The Primary Diagnostic Team will assess you in clinic or hospital and will ensure that any further relevant tests are performed as quickly as possible.

One explanation for your symptoms may be cancer and the teams priority is to exclude or confirm this.

Not all patients referred are found to have a diagnosis of cancer.

Investigations

Following assessment further tests may be requested. This will vary for every person but may include:

- Blood Tests
- Chest X-ray
- Imaging Scans – Ultrasound, CT, MRI, PET or Bone Scan
- Urine and stool specimens.

If cancer is confirmed then further investigations may be required to pinpoint where the cancer has started and what type of cancer cells it is.

These tests will be considered following a full assessment of your health and wellbeing.

Once the primary site, the place in the body where the cancer started, is found then a referral to a site specific cancer team will be made and you will usually be seen within two weeks for further management plan.

Sometimes the primary tumour cannot be found this is called Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) or may also be referred to as Malignancy of Unknown Origin (MUO).

If this is the case a management plan will be made again taking into consideration your health and wellbeing.

Your doctor may also decide that you are too unwell to undergo further investigations or treatment and the focus should be on the management of your symptoms.

Keyworker

Whilst you are undergoing investigations you will be given the contact details of a specialist nurse in case of any queries or concerns.

Your keyworker will help co-ordinate your care until we get a diagnosis.

Your Keyworker is:

Contact Number:

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Tel: 01302 642882

Bassetlaw Hospital, Tel: 01909 572730.

Patient Experience Team

The team are available to help with any concerns/complaints you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email.

The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 642764 or 0800 028 8059

Email: dbth.pals.dbh@nhs.net