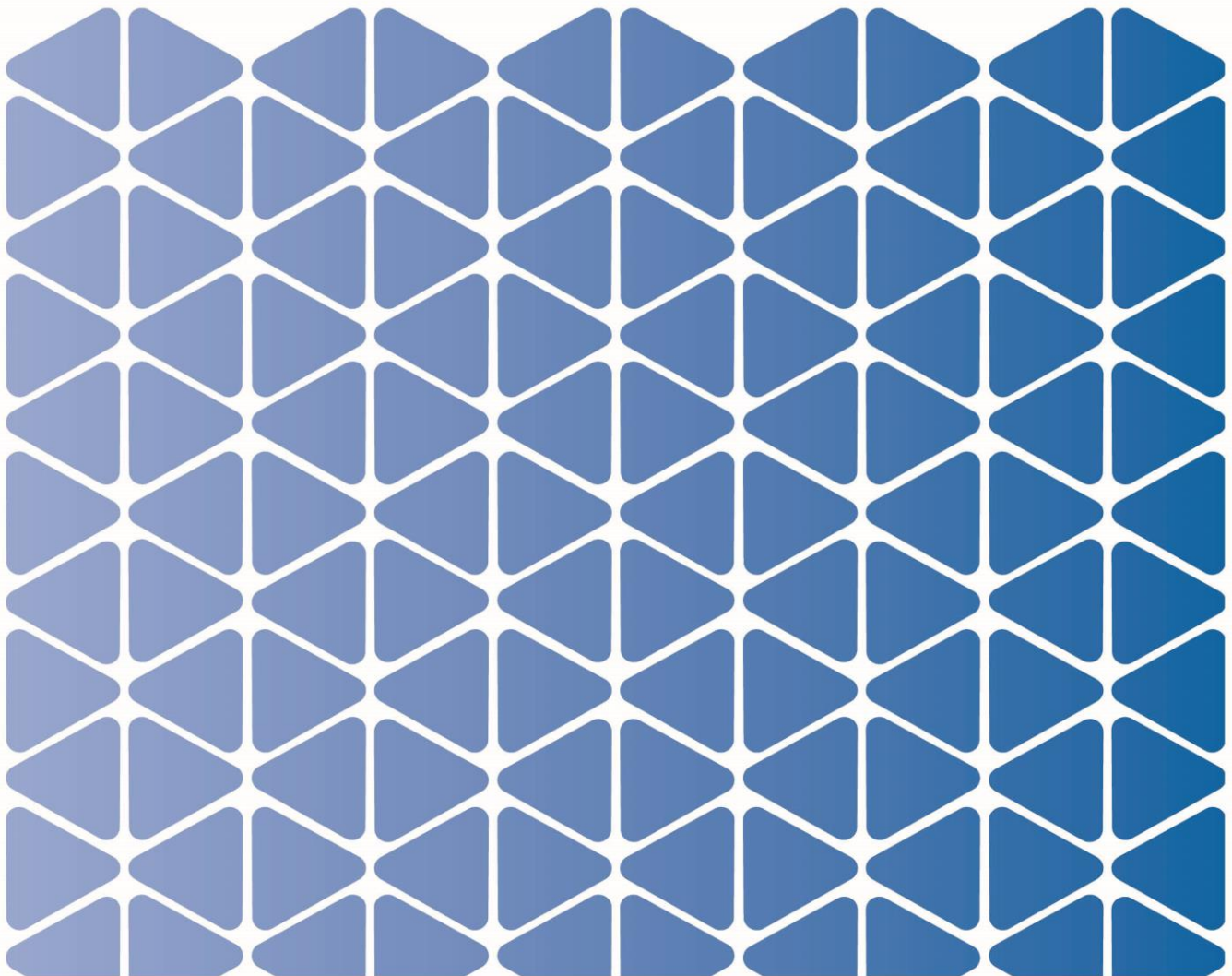


PATIENT INFORMATION

The 2 Week Wait Bowel Cancer Telephone Assessment Pathway



You have been given this leaflet because your GP has referred you for an urgent ‘two week wait’ bowel cancer assessment.

We are required to complete your telephone assessment and for you to undergo your investigation **within 14 days** of your GP referral.

Please ensure you advise your GP about any dates you are unavailable at the point of referral. Please prioritise any investigation appointments offered, as if you are unable to accept the first or second date offered we will treat your referral as routine, and this may result in a longer wait for investigations.

If you are unable to attend an appointment for any reason, please let us know so that we can offer this urgent appointment to another patient. If you fail to attend without letting us know, your investigations will be cancelled and your GP informed.

Please be aware this is a county wide service, our investigation appointment may be scheduled at any one of our three hospital sites. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

What happens next...

- **Step 1:**

Please check with your GP that a blood test has been taken within the last 2 months, and ensure you book an appointment ASAP if one is required. This can be done via your GP surgery, Clover Suite at Worcestershire Royal Hospital or Phlebotomy at the Alexandra Hospital or Kidderminster Treatment Centre. (See back of leaflet for information.)

- **Step 2:**

A member of our Two Week Wait team will contact you within 24 hours of receipt of your referral to arrange a convenient time for your telephone assessment.

- **Step 3:**

Following your telephone assessment, one of our clinical nurse specialists will arrange for you to have the appropriate investigation within 14 days of receipt of your referral in to the Trust.

The investigation may include one or more of the following tests:

- **Colonoscopy/Flexible sigmoidoscopy/ Gastroscopy** – an examination of the bowel/stomach using a long flexible telescope.
- **CT Colonogram**– a scan designed to look at the large bowel in detail.
- **CT scan**– a scan of the abdominal/chest/pelvic area. An X-ray dye may be used and given through a small needle in the back of the hand/arm.
- **Outpatient appointment with a consultant**– to discuss symptoms.

The type of investigation or appointment arranged will depend on the information provided by your GP and your telephone assessment.

If you have any questions please contact your GP or a member of the CNS team. Please see details overleaf.

Colorectal 2 Week Wait Triage Queries

Tel. 01905 733435

Blood Testing:

Clover Suite, Worcestershire Royal Hospital

Tel. 01905 760151

Mon-Fri 08:30am—4.30pm

Out Patient Department, Alexandra Hospital

Mon-Fri 08:00am—1.00pm

2.00pm—5.00pm

Phlebotomy, Kidderminster Treatment Centre

Mon-Fri 08:30am - 12 noon

Patient Experience

Being admitted to hospital can be a worrying and unsettling time. If you have any concerns or questions you should speak to a member of staff in the ward or department who will do their best to reassure you. If you are not happy with their response, you can ask to speak to someone in charge.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Our PALS staff will provide advice and can liaise with staff on your behalf if you feel you are unable to do so. They will also advise you what to do if your concerns have not been addressed. If you wish to discuss making a formal complaint PALS can provide information on how to do this. Telephone: 0300 123 1732. Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.30pm. Friday 8.30am to 4pm. An answerphone operates outside office hours. Or email us at: wah-tr.PET@nhs.net

Feedback

Feedback helps us highlight good practice and where we need to improve. There are lots of ways you can give feedback including completing a Friends and Family Test card or undertaking a survey. For further information please speak to a member of staff, see our Patient Experience leaflet or visit

www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/contact-us

If you would like this leaflet in an alternative language or format, such as audio or braille, please ask a member of staff.

Polish

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Bengali

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Urdu

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Romanian

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Portuguese

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Chinese(Mandarin)

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