

I have been referred for tests to investigate possible cancer - what does this mean for me?

Day one

You are referred to hospital on a two week referral to investigate symptoms to rule out cancer. An appointment may be made for you by your GP at this time.

Day one to 14

You will be contacted by the hospital either for a phone discussion or an appointment for further tests by day 14

Please make sure you attend the first available appointment or let the team know if you can't attend.

Day 14 to 28

You will receive the outcome of your tests and advised on next steps. This could include:

- no cancer found, discharged
- no cancer found but if symptoms or concerns persist go back to your GP
- cancer has been diagnosed and treatment options will be discussed with you.

If you have not heard by day 10 please call your hospital/service for an update:

East Kent hospitals: 01227 864240

Medway hospital: 01634 833891

Darent Valley Hospital: 01322 428750

Maidstone Hospital: 01622 224519

Kent Integrated Dermatology Services 01634 799730

Here to help

Cancer Research UK: www.cancerresearch.co.uk

0808 800 4040, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Macmillan Cancer Support: www.macmillan.org.uk

0808 808 00 00, Monday to Sunday, 8am to 8pm

Kent and Medway Prehabilitation: www.kentandmedwayprehab.org

Cancer Care Map: www.cancercaremap.org

Handy hints

- Calls from hospitals may show as private number or withheld.
- Check to see if you can take a family member or friend with you to the hospital or for planned phone calls.
- There may be a lot of information given at this time
- Have a pen and paper ready
- Have questions prepared