

## Suspected Cancer - Waiting Times: Testing Phase for Referral to Diagnosis within 28 Days

Warrington and Halton Hospitals has been selected to participate in the testing of a new **Faster Diagnosis Standard** for patients with suspected cancer in partnership with the medical director of the NHS.

We know that suspecting cancer can be a very worrying time for our patients and their loved ones. By being referred by your GP AND seeing your specialist AND knowing the results of your tests WITHIN 28 days will, we hope, reduce that worrying 'waiting to hear' time.

We will also be able to see if this new standard can help our staff to deliver even better care for our patients by taking into account the many advances in clinical practice since the two-week-wait was introduced.

The quality of your care, your safety and your experience remains our top priority and the testing of the new standard will not affect your care.

Your rights to see a specialist within two weeks will not change during this testing period, nor will your rights under the NHS Constitution.

If you have any concerns about being seen and receiving your test results during this testing period then please speak to your specialist or any member of our staff that is involved in your care.

If you would like to read more about the National Clinically-led Review of NHS Access Standards then please visit NHS England's website here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/clinically-led-review-nhs-access-standards/>