

Questions?

If you are worried about any aspect of this process, please contact our NSS Care Navigator who will be able to talk you through your concerns.....

Tel: 01380 814797

Email:

bswicb.rdsnavigator@nhs.net

If you are unable to attend your appointment please contact us as soon as possible.

Our NSS Care Navigator is available on the number above during the following hours:

Monday	8.30—5.00
Tuesday	8.30—5.30
Wednesday	8.30—2.00
Thursday	12.00—5.30
Friday	8.30 —6.00

NON-SPECIFIC SYMPTOMS PATHWAY

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Non-Specific Symptoms Suspected Cancer Pathway

What is the NSS Cancer Pathway?

This is a service provided by GPs with special interest in Cancer who work in the Devizes Primary Care Network of surgeries. These GPs work very closely with the Royal United Hospital (RUH) cancer services team.

The aim of this service is to provide timely investigations to improve earlier diagnosis of cancer.

Why Have I Been Referred?

You have been referred to the Non-Specific Symptoms (NSS) service by your GP.

This may be because you have symptoms that could be suggestive of a cancer somewhere, but don't suggest a particular site, such as a lung or bowel tumour. If you are referred, then you will already have had a series of tests done by your GP, to include blood and stool tests, and a chest x-ray, along with a physical examination.

What Happens Now?

You will be contacted by our NSS Care Navigator to arrange an initial appointment with our NSS GP. You can choose whether this appointment is by telephone or Face to Face.

At Your Appointment

The doctor at the clinic will have reviewed the information provided by your GP.

When you speak to him or her, s/he will ask a series of questions, about your symptoms and general health, to establish the next best steps, to identify what might be going on. In most cases, s/he may refer you to the Royal United Hospital in Bath for an urgent CT scan to look for any underlying cancer.

After Your Appointment

Following your tests you will be offered a follow up appointment with our NSS GP. This can be by telephone or Face to Face.

If a cancer diagnosis is made, you will be referred to the relevant hospital team directly.

Alternatively if your symptoms are found to be unrelated to cancer, the NSS GP may refer you back to your GP to arrange:

- A routine outpatient appointment with another hospital consultant (a secondary specialty)
- Other non –urgent tests
- Referral to other local health services such as community physiotherapy, occupational therapy etc