

## Faster diagnosis standard

**Your GP recommends that the symptoms you are experiencing should be investigated. They have referred you using the faster diagnosis standard. This system replaces the previous two week referral process.**

**Does this mean I have cancer?** Please be assured, most people will not have cancer. It is important to act quickly to rule out cancer or to ensure early diagnosis and treatment which improves outcomes. A diagnosis or ruling out of cancer should be within 28 days of the referral.

**Please try to accept the first appointment offered to you.** Please inform your GP if you have any holidays in the next few weeks or if you have any difficulty in attending the hospital for this appointment.

**Many people find it helpful to take a friend or relative along with them to the appointment.** You are very welcome to do so. You may find it useful to think about any questions you might want to ask and write them down to take to the appointment.

### What will happen now?

You will receive information about the appointment within one week. Please ensure your practice has your most up-to-date contact details. **If you do not hear within 1 week**, please contact the Hospital Contact Centre on: **01228 814006**. If you need to make any changes to your appointment or have any queries please contact the Hospital Contact Centre as soon as possible.