

Your hospital referral

What happens if your GP thinks that you may need to see a specialist?

The specialist areas are:

- **Ophthalmology** (eyes)
- **ENT** (ear, nose and throat)
- **Gynaecology** (conditions specific to women)
- **Dermatology** (skin)
- **Cardiology** (heart)
- **Gastroenterology** (digestive system)
- **Rheumatology** (joints, muscles, ligaments, soft tissues)
- **Urology** (urinary system)
- **General surgery**
- **Respiratory** (breathing)
- **Elderly medicine**
- **Neurology** (nervous system)



GP is considering a hospital referral as part of the next steps to treat your condition



Information sent confidentially to an independent review and support team to quickly agree the most appropriate next step in your care



A GP will review the information supported by an administrative booking team



The GP may recommend another way to manage your condition and your practice will get in touch with you to provide further information about this, e.g. further tests/ treatment outside of hospital or...



...advise that you need to see a specialist. In this case, you will receive information on your options for treatment in the post