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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PRIVATE REFERRALS

If you have consulted with your GP and advised that you wish a private referral, please check with your insurance company that they will authorise this referral (and potential resultant investigations and treatments). You can also make a self-funded private appointment if you are uninsured. **It is important to remember that a private consultation will not result in further NHS specialist care being received quicker, and any further care or tests advised will need to be funded privately.**

You will then need to contact the relevant private hospital and department and make the private appointment yourself – your GP will have advised you which department/speciality/specialist to contact.

Once you have made your appointment, please phone the surgery to give us the details; we need:

- the name of the hospital you plan to attend,
- the name of the specialist,
- the contact details for that specialist,
- the date and time of the appointment and
- your preferred contact details.

When making your appointment in the private sector, please remember that you will need to allow our Practice secretarial staff 5-working days' notice, in order that we can dictate and type your referral letter. There will not be a charge for this letter.

Any investigations (including blood tests and X-Rays or scans) required as a result of your private consultation, should be conducted privately at the site of consultation. Such investigations will incur costs, for which you will be responsible.

You may receive a prescription when you see the consultant privately. If the pharmacy at the hospital is closed, then your private prescription can be taken to any chemist. Whilst you are under the care of your private consultant and they are offering ongoing treatment for your condition, it is your Consultant who maintains clinical responsibility for you regarding that condition. And so, should there be a need to prescribe, the Consultant should use a private prescription.

Once you have been discharged by the private consultant, the GP may consider providing an ongoing NHS prescription as long as it is within their competence and the local prescribing guidelines. Occasionally specialised medicines are not suitable for prescribing in primary care in which case the original prescriber would need to make alternative arrangements.

