

# The Cancer Patient Flagging System

An information guide





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### Helping to ensure that those with cancer, get prompt treatment in an emergency

It has been recognised nationally, that patients presenting in hospital with cancer related complications, need to be identified as soon as they arrive to avoid delays in treatment.

To improve this, we have a system that will record a 'flag' on your electronic patient record to help staff identify that a recent cancer diagnosis has been given.

The 'flag' can only be seen by professionals who work in the emergency departments and medical assessment units (MAU). This 'flag' will also alert the Acute Oncology Service Team on your arrival at one of our hospitals.

By using such identifiers it will help to ensure:

- You receive prompt treatment in an emergency.
- Your treatment is streamlined to your individual needs.
- You are not kept in hospital longer than necessary.
- Good communication across medical teams.
- That you and your carer(s) receive good support and advice.

If you have concerns or questions about the cancer patient 'flagging system', please contact your key worker or a member of the Acute Oncology Service on **0161 627 8134**.

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