



Private Clinics and Diagnostics

Dear Patient

With current pressures across the NHS, the public is exploring and engaging with private clinics to undertake speedy assessment and diagnosis. In engaging with these services, patients should be aware of the following:

If a person engages with a private medical service including a private GP, private specialist, private healthcare service including physiotherapy, chiropractor, any other treatment modality or any private tests then it remains the responsibility of the individual to ensure that any results, treatments including prescriptions for medications are followed up with the private service which will need to be funded by the individual. Your registered NHS GP has no responsibility in complying with the requests of any private services consulted, to discuss any test results, arrange any tests or onward referrals. GPs have the right to refuse, and sign post the person back to the private service.

In the event that a private service is consulted following an assessment by the registered NHS GP, discussion on treatment options occurs and a person decides to privately fund a specialist consultation or undertake a private test with the support of the NHS GP, then the NHS GP may provide further ongoing care, treatment and/or referrals.

The public must ensure that they fully understand the consequences of engaging with any private healthcare services without the support of their NHS GP and the potential financial impact and possible refusal to access NHS services for that presentation.

Yours sincerely

The Doctor(s)