

Head and Neck 2 Week Wait Referral Criteria

ALL referrals must be accompanied by up to date (strictly within last 28 days) U+E, FBC to allow timely onward investigation

Thyroid Cancer

2WW referral for unexplained thyroid lump

Thyroid Cancer – risk factors (tick if applies)

Over 55yrs. with a neck lump

Previous neck irradiation

FH of endocrine tumours

FH of thyroid tumours

Thyroid lump – additional features (tick if applies)

Stridor associated with thyroid lump

(This is an Emergency – please contact Mr Wickham (H+N Consultant) on

Tel: 07885 650949 OR the on-call ENT team at BHNFT)

Thyroid lump rapidly enlarging over 2-4 weeks

Unexplained hoarseness or voice change with thyroid lump

Cervical lymphadenopathy with a thyroid lump

New thyroid lump in those aged 55 yrs. and over

Laryngeal Cancer

2WW referral for patients 45 years old and over with either:

Persistent unexplained hoarseness OR Unexplained lump in the neck

Oral Cancer

2WW referral for patients with any of the following:

Unexplained ulceration in oral cavity lasting for more than 3 weeks

Persistent unexplained lump in the neck

Unexplained lump on the lip or in the oral cavity

A red or red/white persistent patch in the oral cavity

Oral cancer – additional features (tick if applies)

A red or white patch on the oral mucosa +/- pain, bleeding or swelling Ulcer or mass on oral mucosa for more than 3 weeks

Unexplained tooth mobility for more than 3 weeks

Sensory loss – lip or tongue

Head and Neck cancer – additional 2ww referral reasons

Stridor and increasing dysphagia

Increasing Dysphagia

Otalgia

Persistent swelling of submandibular or parotid gland

Persistent painful sore throat especially if unilateral

Unilateral nasal obstruction and discharge

Unilateral nasal discharge in people aged over 50 yrs.

Unilateral otitis media with effusion in people aged over 50 yrs.

Orbital masses

Head and Neck Cancer – risk factors (tick if applies)

45 yrs. or older

Unintentional weight loss (> 3kg in 6 weeks)

Previous surgery (Head, neck, mouth)

Smoker No. of cigarettes per day =

Alcohol No. of units per week =