

Patient Information Letter- Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic.

A referral has been sent by your GP to the Chest Pain Clinic at Barnsley Hospital.

The referral is sent electronically and once the Cardiac Nurses have reviewed this you will be contacted via telephone for us to offer you an appointment.

Please ensure your GP surgery has your correct contact details/ telephone number for this referral process to be able to be completed within a timely manner.

This clinic is designed for patients to be reviewed within 2-3 weeks, if you have holidays booked and know you will be unable to attend within that time frame please inform the GP surgery at the time of referral.

The RACPC service does not run clinics on a weekend or in the evenings.

Some appointments will initially be performed as a telephone consultation, some consultations will be a face to face review, the Cardiac Nursing team will make this decision when they triage your referral.

For face to face appointments you will attend the Cardiology Department at Barnsley Hospital and you will be seen and examined by a Cardiac Nurse Specialist. You will also have a test called an ECG.

This consultation may last up to 1 hour, you may also be prescribed medications where you will have to collect these from our hospital pharmacy department, which can often take a while to be processed.

After the Nurse has completed the consultation a management plan will be established and you may be referred for some investigations to assess if your symptoms are presenting as Angina. The nurse will explain this during your appointment. Occasionally the nurse may need to discuss your symptoms with a Cardiology doctor before we can confirm this and you will be contacted via telephone afterwards, but again this will be explained to you on the day.

Please ensure you fetch an up to date list of all the medications you are taking, including both prescribe treatment and over the counter items. Please take all medications as prescribed before you attend the appointment.

Please note our hospital is a smoke free zone and we do not have creche facilities for children.

Cardiac Secretaries telephone number: 01226 432176 or 01226 432169 or 01226 432572