

Information about Your Appointment at the Head and Neck Clinic

We have made an appointment for you to attend our Head and Neck clinic for assessment.

Your doctor or your dentist will have referred you. On some occasions you may have been referred by another hospital service.

At Your Appointment

At the clinic you will see one of the surgical team. This may be a Consultant, Registrar, Fellow or Specialty Doctor.

They will ask you about:

- Head and neck specific symptoms
- Any relevant family history
- Relevant smoking and alcohol history
- Any underlying medical conditions and medications

You may need to undergo some diagnostic tests including:

- X-rays
- CT or MRI scans
- A local anaesthetic biopsy of any ulcers or abnormal areas in your mouth or areas around the mouth.

These tests are relatively quick but usually you need to spend a few hours at the clinic.

We do these tests to help us reach a diagnosis quickly, plan any treatment and also to help reassure patients who are worried about their symptoms.

You may need further clinic appointments or investigations out-with the clinic. We will arrange further appointments for you at the clinic reception desk as you leave.