

## HAVING TESTS OR INVESTIGATIONS – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your clinician has decided that you will be having some tests or investigations in order to plan the next stage of your treatment - this leaflet explains what will happen next.

### Your test or investigation

You will be given an appointment to have your test or investigation at NWCATS (North West Clinical Assessment and Treatment Service). Please attend your appointment at the date and time indicated on your letter. Due to the mobile nature of our service you may be required to travel to an alternative site for the particular appointment you require.

### After your test or investigation

Once your appointment has taken place, the result(s) will be reviewed by a clinician and they will make a decision on the next stage of your treatment, which will usually be one of the following:

#### 2. Discharge back to your GP

You will receive a letter from us informing you of this. Your GP will also receive a letter from us which will detail the outcome of your assessment at NWCATS and the next steps in your further management.

#### 1. Further appointment at NWCATS

Where you will have the opportunity to discuss your results and the next steps of your treatment plan with a clinician. This could be over the telephone or face to face.

#### 3. Referral to another provider for further treatment

This could be in a hospital or a community health service. We will send you a letter in the post confirming where you have been onward referred to with the relevant contact details. Alternatively, you may receive a letter asking you to select where to direct your referral and information on what to do next.

**If you have any queries or concerns please contact our Patient Referral Centre on 0333 200 4042 Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm (excluding Bank Holidays).**

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