

Hindon Surgery - Test Results

In Hindon we do several thousand tests every year to investigate and monitor your illnesses. Hospitals will also be doing lots of tests. We need your help to ensure all this testing is done safely which means you need to be involved in the process. Please don't assume that if a test has been done someone will contact you with the result and if you hear nothing it will be normal.

Results generally take about 2 days to come back from the hospital. Please make sure you either book a follow up appointment when you book the test or, if no appointment is needed, make sure you call the surgery to check on the result. Our staff will only give you test results and instructions from the GP, once they have seen the result and filed it into your notes.

If there is an abnormality the GP will check to see if you have made an appointment and will ask a receptionist to call anyone not about to be seen to advise of a prescription that may be needed. This is a safety net in case you haven't already been in touch, but we would hope you would initiate the contact.

If you have a test requested by a hospital clinician, they will not copy the result to the GP. The clinician ordering the test is clinically responsible for informing the patient of the result and should be competent to interpret the test – many of those done in hospitals cannot be safely interpreted by your GP even if we were sent them. If they tell you to "ask your GP", challenge them. It is their duty to inform you themselves.

Other ways you can help us with your care include ringing us soon after you have been discharged from hospital to let us know how you are getting on, and keeping an eye on your prescription repeats if you have a long term condition to book your reviews with a nurse or GP.

Many thanks for helping us to provide you with safe and effective care.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely