

Colorectal (General Surgery) – First Outpatient Appointment

Introduction

The Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on the NHS ability to provide routine elective services. We recognise that patients are waiting longer than we would all like and it is not always possible to identify when treatment will take place.

Waiting Times

As a guide, referral to treatment waiting times are available on the Trust website –

[The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust – My Planned Care NHS](#)

Guidance for Patients

An example of common conditions treated by the Colorectal department after receiving referral from GP.

- Signs and symptoms of Colorectal Cancer
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Conditions of the anus such as piles, haemorrhoids
- Problems with continence

The colorectal team provide a wide range of services including

- Treatment for colon and rectal cancer
- Laparoscopic colorectal surgery
- Abdominal wall reconstruction
- Ano-rectal physiology

Alternative Services

Early rectal and anal cancers are referred to the tertiary referral centre at Sheffield.

TRFT has a Colorectal Nurse Specialist team who also provide stoma care and support. Providing a weekly stoma clinic for continual support and problem solving.

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

The referral from your GP will have been reviewed and triaged by the Colorectal Surgical team who grade your clinical priority based on the information in the referral.

If you are concerned that your condition or symptoms are deteriorating since you were referred to us, please re contact your GP. So you will be able to explain and detail the changes in your condition/symptoms since the time you were referred, and this will be passed to the clinical team will re-assess your priority.

In the case of needing emergency care or urgent review, please contact 111 or your own GP.

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