

**Whoever requests a test is responsible for reviewing the results, interpretation and any action required resulting from the investigation**

➤ This includes ‘chasing’ the results, receiving the results, actioning the results/determining management plan, and informing the patient of the results.

- The requesting clinician should take responsibility for informing the patient of the findings and dealing with these, if within their competency. If urgent action is required, we would not expect this to be passed onto another clinician.
- Ensure robust systems are in place for patients to receive results of investigations, and that they understand what is going to happen.
- **Do NOT refer to the GP to convey results of hospital tests, or to pick up actions before specialist review**

**Emergency Department**

- EDs should refrain from asking GPs to chase investigation results, if the ED requests an investigation, it should be responsible for chasing the results.
- Where the ED is unable to complete the full pathway of care, consideration should be made to either onward referral to an appropriate speciality or discharge back to the GP to investigate.

**Shared Care**

- Shared care may be an exception where this falls within the shared care agreement.

**More information:**

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/latest/publications/plans-and-strategies/primary-and-secondary-care-interface/>