

Long-term follow-up clinics

After the first year of follow-up, your child will be seen in clinic annually.

Each consultant has a long-term clinic, so you will generally see the same person.

Appointments for the clinic and any planned tests are sent by post, and you should let us know if you are not able to attend so that your appointment can be reallocated. If tests are re-booked directly from another department, please inform Piam Brown day ward in order to re-book a clinic appointment for the same day.

If you need to see another specialist, if possible we will try to arrange this on the same day. The purpose of the clinic is both to monitor the original cancer and evaluate any ongoing effects from treatment.

From the age of 15 if appropriate, your child will be given a choice about whether they attend the clinic on their own or with you. We are always happy to speak to parents afterwards about anything your child is happy to share. A treatment summary card with the most important information and any future advice will be provided. We also discuss the implications that treatment may have on the wider aspects of life such as relationships or family planning.

Your child will be discharged back to their GP approximately ten years after diagnosis, or when they have finished growing (whichever is later). However, if they need ongoing care, for instance if they have had a bone marrow transplant, they will move into an adult clinic when they are old enough. If your child needs specialist follow-up for a particular organ, such as the kidneys, they will move from seeing a children's specialist to seeing an adult specialist at the appropriate time.

For advice or more information about long-term follow-up or to change any appointments, contact Piam Brown day ward on 023 8120 4249.