HOW MDCs COULD IMPROVE EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS

HOW DELAYS CAN OCCUR IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM

1ST GP VISIT
- GP REFERRAL

2ND GP VISIT
- TIME WAITING
- GP REFERRAL

3RD GP VISIT
- TIME WAITING
- GP REFERRAL

Returning to the GP after visiting each specialist slows down the diagnosis and increases the likelihood of patient disengagement.

1ST SPECIALIST
- Patient with non-specific but concerning symptoms

2ND SPECIALIST

3RD SPECIALIST*
- *If more medical specialists seen, pattern continues until a result is declared

RESULT
- Nothing found 'watchful wait'
- Late Cancer diagnosis
- Other diagnosis

PROPOSED MDC SYSTEM

ACCESS POINT
- Could be GP or other professional referral as well as self-referral eg. internet, telephone

SPECIALISTS WORKING TOGETHER
- Pilot will determine the best configuration for specialists

TRIAGE TESTS
- Rapid turnaround of triage tests and investigative diagnostic tests leads to earlier diagnosis

RESULT
- Nothing found 'watchful wait'
- Earlier Cancer diagnosis
- Other diagnosis

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