



Bòrd SSN nan Eilean Siar
NHS Western Isles

My journey to diagnosis



Please bring this with you to each appointment

Pilot Project

This guide is currently being tested as to whether it would be of benefit to NHS Western Isles patients, their families and carers before a diagnosis is given.

All comments/feedback you provide are important and will help us to identify whether this resource will continue to be used and, if so, what additions/amendments should be made.

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May 31, 2016

However, if you would like to offer comments/feedback on how we can improve this guide after this date, this would be welcomed.

We understand how difficult it can be to understand and process all the information you may receive at your clinical appointments.

This guide is to help you record the information you receive at each of your clinical appointments before a diagnosis is given.

The following sections will help you record information given to you, or that you may be asked, during your clinical appointments:

- your personal details
- your medical details
- any prescriptions or medications you are currently taking (if requested, your GP may be able to provide you with a printout of your medications)
- future appointment details
- contact names and numbers.

It is important to note that during your appointments you will be discussing possible illness and testing options, so you may not be able to fully comprehend or remember to write down all the information you receive.

You may find it invaluable to have a friend or family member with you so that they can help support you and write down the information you receive on your behalf.

At any time if you require assistance, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

MY DETAILS

Name:

Address:

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Date of Birth:

LOCAL INFORMATION

GP:

GP Practice:

Tel. No.

Local Consultant:

Specialist Nurse:

Hospital Tel. No.

MAINLAND INFORMATION

Hospital:

Mainland Consultant:

Hospital Tel. No.

APPOINTMENTS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Appointment Detail</i> |
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We are listening - how did we do?

We welcome your feedback, as it helps us evaluate the services we provide. If you would like to tell us about your experience:

- speak to a member of staff
- visit our website www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk/feedback or share your story at: www.patientopinion.org.uk or 0800 122 31 35
- Tel. 01851 704704 (ext 2408) on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm.

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