



## **Rapid Access Trans-Ischemic Attack (TIA) Clinic Patient Information**

### **Dear Patient**

Your GP or A&E doctor has referred you to the TIA clinic at Manchester Royal Infirmary for further assessment of your symptoms. This clinic is specifically designed to investigate and treat suspected TIA.

Please note that the clinic is not a complete diagnostic service for other causes of neurological symptoms.

Please read the following information:

### **What will happen next?**

- You should receive a phone call to arrange an appointment with you. This will be within 1 to 7 days from when your doctor sends the referral. If you feel there is a delay in this process, please contact the stroke secretary on 0161 2764568.

### **Will I be able to drive?**

- You will not be able to drive until you have been assessed and investigated in the TIA clinic. This recommendation is in accordance with the DVLA guidance on TIA. The DVLA state that anyone with TIA cannot drive for one month.

### **What/ who shall I bring to the clinic?**

- Please bring a list of current medication with you to the clinic and where possible any witness to the possible TIA event.

### **What should I expect to happen in the TIA clinic?**

- On arrival to either the main outpatients department or ward 31, please report to the main reception or the ward staff on ward 31. You will have your blood pressure checked, and ECG (electrical recording of your heart), followed by a blood test if not already done by your GP or A&E doctor.
- You will then wait to see the advanced practitioner or doctor for a discussion and clinical examination.
- If appropriate you may be asked to have a brain scan and carotid scan (of your neck). If this cannot be performed on the same day, it will be re-scheduled as an urgent out patient investigation.
- After all the necessary investigations, you will be seen again to discuss the results and management plan, and answer any questions you may have. Please be patient, it could take up to 6 hours to complete the necessary investigations and consultations.
- It may be necessary for you to commence on Antiplatelet treatment to prevent further events, a prescription or medication may be given to you at the end of your consultation.
- Following your clinic appointment, a letter will be sent to your GP explaining the diagnosis, management plan and any changes to your medication.

Best Wishes,

CMFT Stroke Team