

Doing 'detective work' to find a cancer: how are non-specific symptom pathways for cancer investigation organised, and what are the implications for safety and quality of care? A multisite qualitative approach.

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Patients presenting with non-specific symptoms (NSSs) suggestive of cancer may experience [diagnostic](#) delays. In this study with four National Health Service (NHS) NSS cancer [pathways](#) teams, researchers identified distinct functions of the team, clustered in pre-testing assessment and information gathering and post-testing interpretation and management. There was wide variation between the sites in [referral](#) processing, patient coordination, team communication, and follow up.