South Gloucestershire Memory Service (AWP)

<http://www.awp.nhs.uk/services/specialist/memory-services/sglos-memory/>

DISTINCT FROM BRISTOL DEMENTIA WELLBEING SERVICE

Referral guidance for GPs

* Via PCLS referral form. Triaged by PCLS. If Memory service input only required, please state clearly on PCLS form.
* GP’s are welcome to contact us on our advice line to discuss cases and where necessary referrals can be accepted over the telephone.
* We accept requests for cognitive / memory assessment; reviews of patients who have an existing diagnosis of dementia; referrals for post diagnostic support and advice.

Referral criteria

* Memory change evident for more than six months’ duration.
* Presence of infection excluded. Where delirium suspected post infection please allow 3 moths’ duration to pass prior to referral to allow for recovery.
* Where CVA / significant cardiac event or other physical trauma has occurred allow six months to pass prior to making referral.
* Where terminal illness is present, Memory Service referral is likely to be inappropriate – please telephone 0117 378 4670 to discuss.
* We cannot accurately interpret assessment data from those who are actively drinking alcohol in excess of 14 units per week; in the case of long term alcohol consumption the patient should ideally stop drinking completely. Support for this can be accessed via developing Health & Independence (DHI) 0800 073 3011.
* Where mood disorder is present please treat and review accordingly prior to referral. Support for GPs in doing this can be obtained via PCLS 0117 378 7960.

Memory Service duty clinician is available on 0117 378 4670 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, to discuss referrals in advance of them being made. Where appropriate, referrals can be taken by the clinician over the telephone.