

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See also 'Referral guidelines for suspected cancer' (NICE clinical guideline 27; available at www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG27) for recommendations about the support and information needs of people with suspected cancer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 'Irritable bowel syndrome in adults' (NICE clinical guideline 61; available at www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG61). Irritable bowel syndrome rarely presents for the first time in women of this age

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An urgent referral means that the woman is referred to a gynaecological cancer service within the national target in England and Wales for referral for suspected cancer, which is currently 2 weeks.