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- dizziness
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..... Radiology department - on **0161 918 2525**
(Cross-sectional radiographer), Monday to Friday, 8:45am - 5:00pm
..... Proton beam therapy unit on **0161 918 7577 / 1195**
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..... MR- Linac department on **0161 446 8468**
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Outside these hours: Contact your GP or **NHS 111**. If symptoms become severe, or last more than a few days, contact your GP or A&E as treatment maybe needed.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

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