

## **GP URGENT PLAIN FILM REFERRAL: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, routine diagnostic services have been suspended for a period of 12-weeks. This includes the walk-in plain film service which is not available during the pandemic. In order to limit the travel of vulnerable patients to the hospital environment for investigations, primary care access to plain film imaging will be opened up to **urgent cases** only from 26th May 2020.

**Urgent Plain Film** can be requested for patients who present with any of the following:

- Query trauma, including stress fracture
- Query infection or tumour
- Query foreign object

All requests will be vetted by Reporting Practitioners and imaging will be carried out at either Seacroft Hospital or St. George's on an appointment basis only. The Radiology booking team will contact the patient directly to arrange a suitable time and date.

Given the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this service will remain under review.

**Please note routine imaging referrals are not being accepted during this time.**