

Non-Obstetric Ultrasound

Following confirmation in Wednesday's bulletin (27 May) that referrals will be accepted by Yorkshire Health Solutions for Non-Obstetric Ultrasound from 1 June, we would like to share with you the referral inclusion and exclusion criteria. Please adhere to this when making referrals.

Referrals for inclusion:

- General abdominal – includes assessment of the aorta, biliary tract, gallbladder, inferior vena cava, kidneys, liver, pancreas, retro peritoneum and spleen;
- Gynaecology – including trans abdominal and trans vaginal;
- Renal / bladder / prostate;
- Scrotal / testicular;
- Musculoskeletal (only referrals as indicated in the MSK pathways as published on the Leeds Health Pathway are commissioned. <http://lhp.leedsth.nhs.uk/index.aspx#intro>)
- Vascular

Exclusion Criteria

Clinical exclusions –

- Cancer – any patient with suspected cancer should be referred through the two week wait referral pathway;
- Ultrasound guided procedures;
- Obstetric care;
- DVT – unless part of an approved CCG pathway.

Scans for:

- Breast;
- Cardiac Imaging;
- Chest;
- Ophthalmology;
- Superficial masses or lumps in the neck, axilla or groin; and
- Thyroid.

Other exclusions

- Children under the age of 18; and
- Non-NHS Patients;
- Patients who do not meet the NHS Leeds CCGs agreed pathways will not be funded.
- No further exclusions will apply without the specific agreement of the service commissioner

Since Wednesday's briefing, two additional clinic sites have been added at

- Oakwood Lane
- Wetherby Health Centre.

Whilst seven sites will be utilised for delivery of this service from 1 June start date, it is anticipated that additional clinic sites will be added to this, depending on referral volumes, need and the suitability of premises.