

Clinical Genetics

Referral Pathway changes from Monday 5 February 2024

From Monday 5 February 2024 the following referral pathways will be operational:

- **Routine** referrals must be sent electronically – further information is explained below.
- **Prenatal** referrals must be sent electronically using the [Prenatal referral form](#). This should be emailed to leedsth-tr.PatientPathwayGenetics@nhs.net
- **Neonatal/Urgent inpatient paediatric (or any other urgent inpatient)** referrals should be emailed to leedsth-tr.PatientPathwayGenetics@nhs.net

Referrals may lead to several different actions. These include:

- A letter or email of advice for the patient and/or referring clinician
- Requesting more information from the patient or their clinicians (such as a family history questionnaire or consent forms for family members)
- An appointment. This may be face to face, video or telephone. Please note that most waiting lists are several months long.

GP & Community Referrals

All GP and community referrals should be submitted via Leeds Teaching Hospitals on the national eRS. On this system, Clinical Genetics will appear as a service option for referrals to be submitted. The referral forms below can be used. Please use the [Prenatal referral form](#) for referrals relating to the management of a pregnancy.

NHS Hospital Referrals

All routine referrals from Consultants and other Clinicians from within LTHT and other NHS hospital Trusts across our catchment area should submit their referrals via email - lthreferrals@nhs.net. The referral forms below can be used. Please use the [Prenatal referral form](#) for referrals relating to the management of a pregnancy.

Referral Forms

- [Personal and/or Family history of Cancer](#)
- [Routine referrals](#)
- [Pregnancy](#)
- [Neonatal](#)
- [Prenatal referrals](#)

Please note: any incomplete sections found on the referral form may result in a delay in processing the referral.

If you still need advice before making a referral (especially if you believe the referral may be urgent) please [contact us](#).

Why are we changing our referral pathways?

Yorkshire Regional Genetics Service is aligning with other Leeds Teaching Hospitals outpatient services, which means routine referrals will be received through the national e-referral system (eRS, formerly Choose and Book). This change comes into effect from Monday 5 February 2024.

Paperless referrals

Leeds Teaching Hospitals is working to roll out the full use of paperless referrals from General Practice. This is in line with the national requirement that all GP referrals should be made electronically. This development aims to support patient safety by reducing the risk of losing referrals and speeding up pathways for patients. There should also be less need to contact practices for missing letters.

With the support of the Local Medical Committee, Leeds Teaching Hospitals has jointly agreed that we will return referrals sent by other routes such as paper or email where routine referrals to services are available on eRS.