

Protocol authorisation for non-medical referrers.

Ultrasounds GP

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Protocol name Ultrasound scans GP	
<p>Rationale</p> <p>This is for patients who require an ultrasound examination and fit the appropriate criteria for the examination provided by the GP referral service guidelines and LTH scanning vetting protocols. The patient must have been assessed/examined by a non-medical referrer with ultrasound request authorisation. The request must include the relevant clinical indications and information. A clinical question must be asked which it is the aim of ultrasound to answer.</p> <p>This is to improve patient access to ultrasound appointments. The aim is to also reduce the GP workload.</p>	
<p>Patients</p> <p>Adult patients in GP practices and community centres requiring ultrasound imaging as part of GP referral service guidelines.</p>	
<p>Inclusion and exclusion criteria</p> <p>Exclusion: Age<16 yrs.</p> <p>Inclusion: Adult patients who require an ultrasound examination and fit the appropriate criteria for the examination provided by the GP referral service guidelines and LTH scanning vetting protocols.</p>	
<p>Clinical assessments to be undertaken prior to decision to request imaging (please attach any flowcharts / other documents as necessary)</p> <p>History</p> <p>Physical examination</p> <p>Assessment of other investigations including blood results, prior imaging, baseline observations.</p>	
Additional documents attached?	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Description of who will be making these assessments</p> <p>Non-medically qualified registered healthcare professionals authorised and approved for this role by their CSU lead clinician or lead GP.</p>	
<p>Details of imaging to be requested</p> <p>Abdomen</p> <p>Pelvis</p> <p>Renal</p> <p>Gynaecology</p>	
Form of words to be used on request	

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- Non-medical referrer
- Clinical details
- Sufficient data to justify ultrasound.

Audit standards for annual recertification

100% of requested imaging should comply with protocols

0% of patient misidentification or incorrect requesting