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Dear GP colleagues,

One-stop rapid access diagnostic breast clinic – imaging from another provider

If you are referring a patient to the one-stop rapid access diagnostic breast clinic because of an issue identified via imaging from another hospital, the team would require the imaging and accompanying report either prior to the patient's appointment or at the appointment.

Unfortunately, if the imaging and report are not available on the day, the patient will be asked to return with the imaging and report within the subsequent three weeks to complete their assessment. This is to ensure the patient does not undergo any unnecessary investigations.

For urgent cases, if the imaging is not available within three weeks, we would image, and if required, biopsy the area of interest. For non-urgent patients, please refer when the imaging is available.

The images should be sent in advance, via the Image Exchange Portal (IEP) to the Trust, with accompanying reports emailed to:

- mary.clarke4@nhs.net

For further information or if you should have any questions, please contact our specialty support manager, Catherine Adoch: catherine.adoch@nhs.net.

Kind regards,

GP liaison on behalf of the breast service