

MSK imaging

All other sectors in London have either already moved to or are in the process of moving to similar hard stop on allowing Direct Access MSK imaging as part of the national effort to appropriately manage demand. Please note that this pathway should also preclude direct access referrals for MSK imaging from Independent Sector providers – where this activity is still flowing steps will be taken to bring this into line with the attached pathway.

There is timely access in place for Community MSK interface services across NWL and where an onward referral to an acute trust imaging department is needed for ultrasound or MRI this can be made by the community service.

As per the attached pathway there are specific pathways in place for suspected cancer and CES, and if there are reasons for direct referrals during the transition period (e.g. specific request to primary care to make a referral) please use the fail-over forms found at the following link -

<https://www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/professionals/pathways-and-services/diagnostics/navigate/30847/7454#ccm-block-document-library-30847>

If there are any queries on this or specific referrals please address these via the following inbox - nhsnwl.diagnostics@nhs.net