



## TIA clinics via e-Referral

Following national guidance that referrals to outpatient departments have to go via e-Referral, GP access to TIA clinics via ICE will no longer be available.

Please refer by letter from now on - these letters should be sent as a priority via e-Referral to the contact centre.

We anticipate that the national stroke guidance will stop recommending risk stratification at referral and will ask all referrals to be seen in a specific (fast) time frame.

If you have any specific concerns - especially patients with multiple events, those on anticoagulants or those in AF - please discuss these patients with the stroke team via Consultant Connect, choosing the 'other specialties' option.

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## Excellence Through Collaboration- last few days to book



We will be closing the registration on Wednesday 27 March for our Excellence Through Collaboration event so if you haven't yet secured your place you have a few days left.

You can view the timetable and register at [www.excellencethroughcollaboration.co.uk](http://www.excellencethroughcollaboration.co.uk).

Thanks to those who have already registered, we look forward to seeing you there.

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## **Lumps and bumps referral assessment service**

**The current direct to theatre service for lumps and bumps is being refined with the referral assessment service as of Monday 1 April. Referral assessment services allow GPs to refer patients into secondary care services without having to book an appointment.**

This method of referral will allow us to decide on the most appropriate onward clinical pathway. That may be to book the patient into a 'see and treat' session or an outpatient clinic. If appropriate, they may return the triage request to the original referrer with advice, if an onward referral is not needed at that time.

The service will appear on e-Referral with a service type of **triage service -**;

### **Lumps & Bumps-Minor Surgery-Assessment Northumbria Healthcare FT RTF**

We would ask all primary care referrers to use the referral assessment (send for triage) service from Monday 1 April. The current directly bookable service will be closed at 6pm on Friday 29 March.

If you have any queries please contact Diane Williams, e-Referral lead - 0191 203 1253 / [diane.williams@northumbria.nhs.uk](mailto:diane.williams@northumbria.nhs.uk)

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