

## Referral processes

### Paediatric allergy clinics

We hold paediatric allergy clinics at both North Tyneside and Wansbeck general hospitals for children under 16 years of age.

You can refer patients in for concerns about IgE mediated allergy (food or respiratory, including rhinitis and urticaria) but also for non-IgE mediated allergy where there are concerns about growth faltering, multiple food intolerances or other red flags (as per NICE guidance).

Dr Mairi Woodsford holds clinics at North Tyneside every Monday afternoon and Dr Ivonne Haar's clinics are held on Tuesday afternoons at Wansbeck. They can perform skin prick testing and/or specific IgE blood testing, and there is a dietitian available at the clinics for advice on allergen avoidance and other nutritional issues.

These clinics are on e-Referral.

### Direct access to plain film x-ray

Our radiology service is improving access for patients referred by their GP for a plain film x-ray. From 1 November, all GP direct access x-ray referrals requested on ICE will be allowed four weeks from the referral date to attend as a walk-in patient or by booking an appointment.

Please refer suitable patients into direct access x-ray rather than through urgent care.

Once referred, patients can call 0191 293 4122 to book an appointment (line open Monday to Friday 9am-7pm and weekends 9am-12 midday).

Appointments or walk-in attendances for plain x-ray are NOT available DUE to Covid but when they restart the times will be below:

- Alnwick Infirmary -; Monday to Friday 9am-;5pm. Weekends by appointment only 9am-; 2pm
- Berwick Infirmary - Monday to Friday 8:30am-;5pm, weekends 12midday-4pm
- Blyth Community Hospital -; Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm
- Hexham General Hospital -; Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm then appointment only between 5.30pm-7.30pm. Weekends by appointment only 11am-;1pm then 2pm-; 5pm
- Morpeth NHS Centre -; Tuesday to Thursday 9am-5pm
- Wansbeck and North Tyneside general hospitals -; Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, weekends 9am-12:30pm then 1.30pm-;5pm

### Local anaesthetic vasectomy service in Northumberland

GPs in Northumberland are being made aware that the process for referring patients for a local anaesthetic vasectomy has changed.

Patients requesting a local anaesthetic vasectomy should now be referred to our integrated sexual health service which will provide the preoperative counselling and the surgical procedure.

To refer a patient, please send the referral form to:

One to One Centre Gas House Lane Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1SR

Patients can refer themselves by calling the service direct on 01670 51 51 51.

Referrals for local anaesthetic vasectomy will no longer be accepted by the urology department. Please [click here](#) to view the new referral pathway