

Consensus on the Primary Secondary Care Interface

GENERAL

- Treat all colleagues with respect
- Remember to keep the patient at the centre of all we do
- Clinicians should seek to undertake any required actions themselves without asking other teams or services to do this
- Whoever requests a test is responsible for the results of that test including ensuring that patients receive results of investigations
- Ensure patients are kept fully informed regarding their care and 'what is going to happen next'
- Try not to commit other individuals or teams to any particular action or timescale.

PRESCRIBING

- The clinician who wishes to prescribe medication for the patient should undertake appropriate pre-treatment assessment and counselling.
- Prescribing required from Outpatients and Discharge medications for longer term medications should cover an initial period of at least 14 days

PRIMARY CARE

- When referring to secondary care please ensure you are clear in your 'ask' and clearly communicate to the patient who you are referring them to, for what and what to expect (if known)
- Please ensure appropriate Primary Care assessments have been made before referral
- Consider optimising any Long-Term Conditions in patients referred for surgery

SECONDARY CARE

- Ensure clear and timely communication to the GP following patient contacts
 - Avoid asking General Practice to organise specialist tests.
 - If patients need a fit note (sick note) then please provide one
 - If immediate prescribing is required from Outpatients, please prescribe
 - Please arrange onward referral without referring back to the GP where appropriate
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