

Ipswich Hospital Paediatric Assessment Unit Pathways and Operational Changes

What is it?

The Paediatric Assessment Unit at Ipswich Hospital have worked collaboratively with the CCG, the IHT Operations Team and the IHT Board to develop a number of paediatric pathways for use when referring into the PAU at IHT.

The changes have been introduced to improve upon the already excellent level of care provided by the PAU.

What is included – the scope of the service?

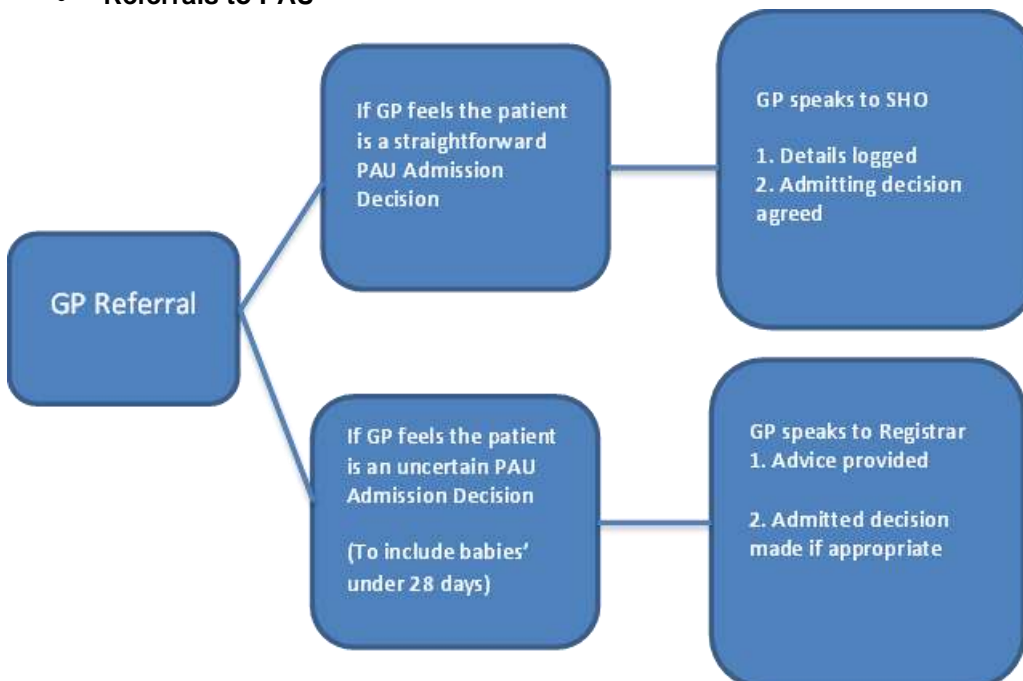
Pathways

As part of a large scale piece of work with the CCG some joint resources for common paediatric conditions have been developed (see attachments). These were presented to GPs at the monthly training and education event in December 2014. These are in the form of pathways that contain evidence based advice and local guidance on referrals. GPs may reference these pathways when calling the PAU. The pathways are:

- Fever and LRTI
- Bronchiolitis
- Gastroenteritis

Operational Changes to ensure a consistent approach

- Referrals to PAU



- **Babies under 28 days**

Babies under 28 days old who are referred in acutely by the health visitor, midwifery teams, or GPs should now be referred direct to the registrar, not the SHO. This does not affect outpatient referrals.

- **Prolonged Jaundice Clinic**

There is now a designated prolonged jaundice clinic that runs on a Tuesday and Friday. Referrals are usually by the health visiting and midwifery teams.

Start date

These changes are made with immediate effect.

Contact details

All changes are being piloted in the first instance and feedback would be welcomed:

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