

A new Neurology Pre Referral Guidance and Suspected Seizure Referral Form

Introduction

The CCG has been working with clinicians in the specialty of neurology at East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation NHS Trust Ipswich site to look at various ways to improve pathways and services. This is to enable patients to be triaged appropriately to ensure that they are seen by the right clinician, at the right time in the right place.

A Neurology Headache and Non Headache Pre Referral Guidance has been in place for a few years and recent work with Dr Andrew Graham, consultant Neurologist, has identified that these needed to be updated.

What has changed?

Both of the referral forms above have now been superseded with the following:-

A general Neurology Pre Referral Guidance has now been developed which includes:-

- Headache
- Other problems of a neurological nature
- Pain/tingling/numbness (CTS)

A new suspected seizure referral form has also been developed.

Please ensure that all relevant tests and information are included in the referral so that the consultants can triage the patient appropriately. The CCG will continue to work with the Neurology specialty to make sure that all referrals are of high quality.

The NICE Guidelines NG127 has recently been issued and a link to this is available via DXS. A supporting document developed by Andrew Graham will be available on DXS in the near future.

Start date

The referral form will be available on DXS and CCG website in October 2019

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