

## Improving fertility referrals – Ipswich hospital

To improve data submission and taking advantage of new functionality within the DXS referral form. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 you will notice some changes when completing the Infertility Referral – Ipswich Hospital-Mr Alleemudder (including T34) (SUF1002).

“36% of referrals for secondary investigation and treatment of infertility were rejected last year due to incomplete forms” says Mr Djavid Alleemudder, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at ESNEFT, based at Ipswich hospital. “The revised electronic referral form has been developed to overcome this issue, which will help to reduce delays caused.’

The form now includes:

- Mandatory fields to provide obligatory information
- Data ranges to ensure that only acceptable values can be recorded
- An alert to indicate if a required field has been missed or if a value falls outside of the permissible range; the form cannot be submitted until these are resolved
- Submission is only possible once all required fields have been completed (Complete validation)
- The ability to save a draft if results of tests or investigations are pending, or if any other mandatory information is not available, a draft can be saved for completion at a later date

NB: Patient demographic information and some test results auto-populate from the clinical system, eliminating the need to input this data manually.

The revised form will not only improve the data submitted for review but there will be some time savings as it will be clear which fields are mandatory and manual data input will be reduced. Patients will also benefit as their referral will be reviewed in full by the Ipswich team upon first submission.

We recommend that users view the DXS training video explaining the new Load and Complete functionality available at:

[Referral Form Validation | DXS Point-of-Care Training \(dxs-systems.com\)](https://dxs-systems.com)

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