

Referrals/consent pathway – Prioritisation of referrals

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Key Amendments

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Neurology & Rehabilitation – Out-Patients

HIGH

PATIENTS WHO NEED TO BE SEEN WITHIN 2-4 WEEKS OF REFERRAL

- Patients who are falling due to neurological impairment. Consider whether the needs of this patient can be met within the outpatient setting or if review within the community is more appropriate in the first instance.
- Patients discharged from an acute in-patient admission requiring specialist follow up physiotherapy to facilitate discharge. Outpatient physiotherapy in this instance is to support ongoing rehabilitation. Issues of function and safety within the patient's home environment will need to be reviewed and supported by community teams as appropriate.
- Significant, sudden deterioration in function (e.g. exacerbation, onset of pain)

LOW

PATIENTS WHO NEED TO BE SEEN WITHIN 6-8 WEEKS OF REFERRAL

- Patients experiencing a general deterioration in activity level
- Patients requiring baseline assessments following discussion with referring Specialist in order to monitor activity level (this may include patients commencing on disease modifying drugs).
- Patients with a new diagnosis of a neurological condition requiring specialist physiotherapy for assessment and treatment of mild/moderate impairment.
- Patients requiring a physiotherapy assistant, space and equipment to undertake exercises to regain function.
- Assessment of patients following BTX injection.

N.B. All patients considered for prioritisation for Neurological physiotherapy within the Acute Trust must require specialist, hands on therapy with appropriate patient directed goals.