

**FOR ACTION: New Referral Pro-forma for community non-obstetric ultrasound service from 20 January**

The community non-obstetric ultrasound service contract expires on 31 January 2018; the contract from 1 February 2018 is with a new provider, Physiological Measurements Limited (PML). *Please note this is a separate organisation from Principal Medical Limited (PML) which provides many other services locally.*

The incumbent provider, Global Diagnostics Limited (GDL), will stop accepting new referrals on Friday 19 January and continue to see referred patients up to and including 31 January. PML will accept referrals and start to book patients into clinics from Monday 22 January; these clinics will start on 1 February.

**Referral will be via a new pro forma;** GP Practices should import the revised pro forma to EMIS/Vision from the [OCCG proforma library](#) for use on 22 Jan. Following 19 Jan the existing GDL pro forma should be deleted. Referrals will be via email; the pro forma shows different email addresses for 2ww and routine referrals.

- Friday 19 January – delete old proforma (GDL Community Ultrasound Proforma (EMIS Web) v1.4.ewdt
- Friday 19 January – import the revised pro forma to EMIS/Vision from the [OCCG proforma library](#). NB this will not be available until 19 January.
- Monday 22 January - use new proforma and send referrals to new provider, PML.

Any referrals received by GDL after 19 January will be returned to referring GPs.

The new referral pro forma does not list the clinic sites as some sites are still being added. PML will discuss the most convenient site with patients when they call to book the appointment.

See the guidance from PML overleaf for contact details and information regarding their service.



**Quick guide  
Community Non-Obstetric Ultrasound – NHS Oxfordshire CCG**

<b>How to Refer</b>		
	<b>Urgent Referrals</b>	<b>Routine Referrals</b>
<b>Please ensure that the correct referral form is used and sent to the appropriate email address.</b>		
<b>Required Details</b>	It is important that we have information about mobility deficits, communication issues, authorised alternative contact persons and a current phone number.	
<b>Patient transport</b>	If your patient is using a transport service, please ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for drop off and collection. Patients are being left stranded.	
<b>Indications</b>	Reason for urgency and clinical indication.	Clinical Indications
<b>Referral Email</b>	<a href="mailto:urgentreferrals.pml@nhs.net">urgentreferrals.pml@nhs.net</a>	<a href="mailto:referrals.pml@nhs.net">referrals.pml@nhs.net</a>
<b>Contact Number</b>	Please call the Urgent Bypass number while the patient is at the surgery. A medical secretary may do this. 01691 678040	E-referrals. If E-referral is used then please ensure that the patient has the PMC contact number and that the referral is attached immediately 01691 676 016
<b>Result returns</b>	Routine results are returned within a maximum of 5 working days, urgent results and those for suspected cancer are returned within 48 hours.  If a patient has any signification findings we aim to provide the results and contact the referring surgery on the same day. We will also ask the patient to make contact with their GP surgery.	
<b>Follow up</b>	To simplify the process for referrers, where necessary we will automatically arrange follow up ultrasound scans that can be provided by our service.	
<b>Result email</b>	If you have any queries about results please email <a href="mailto:results.pml@nhs.net">results.pml@nhs.net</a> .  This includes any requests for results to be resent.	

**If you require any further guidance or would like to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact us.**

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