Referrals for Lost threads **NO LONGER REQUIRE AN ULTRASOUND BEFORE APPOINTMENT**. Ultrasound will be performed during the appointment.

**A reminder:  referrals for *Lost Threads & IUS for Non Contraceptive Reasons*** (Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) should be made through e-RS

**Priority** - Routine or Urgent as appropriate

**Specialty** - Gynaecology

**Clinic Type** - Not Otherwise Specified

From the Search Results page, click on “Send For Triage” for the **Service titled**:

Lost Threads (IUD) & IUS for non contraception RAS -Gynaecology-Oxford University Hospitals-RTH

The following conditions/request are seen in Service for **Lost Threads/IUS for non contraceptive reasons**:

1. Removal of an IUD with lost threads - as per Oxfordshire CCG Lost Threads Pathway (but with no need for ultrasound).
2. IUS fit for:

* Chronic pelvic pain
* HRT
* endometriosis
* Heavy menstrual bleeding *not* needing contraception suitable for IUS as per [Oxfordshire HMB pathway](http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/clinical-guidelines/gynaecology/guidelines-for-heavy-menstrual-bleeding-primary-care-pathway.pdf).

**PLEASE DO NOT ADVISE WOMEN TO DROP INTO OXFORD SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE ABOVE AS THEY WILL BE ADVISED TO RETURN TO PRIMARY CARE FOR e-RS REFERRAL.**

If unsure whether a referral requires gynaecology or contraception services please use e-RS . The referral will be re directed to the contraceptive service if appropriate.

Difficult cytology screens should be referred to Colposcopy Service.