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## **Referral Restrictions at Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust**

### **Briefing note for CCG Commissioners**

I last wrote to you on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 setting out a series of restrictions applied to the cancer, adult, and paediatric services provided by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. South East London commissioners have undertaken a review of these arrangements with the Trust. The outcome of this review is agreement for these restrictions to continue for a further six months until the end of March 2020, with three additional services to be added to the list of restrictions.

For clarity, the following services are restricted for those CCGs outside of the South East London, Wandsworth, City and Hackney, and Central London (Westminster) CCGs;

- All cancer services
- Paediatric Spinal
- Paediatric ENT
- Paediatric Orthopaedics
- Paediatric Urology
- Paediatric Cardiology
- Paediatric Plastic Surgery
- Colorectal
- Upper GI
- Gynaecology
- ENT
- Head & Neck
- Gastroenterology (including direct access to Endoscopy)
- Urology one stop (excluding the RAS second opinion / returning referrals service)
- Neurology (For General Neurology, Headache, and Epilepsy, referral acceptance is limited to South East London and Lambeth border practices in Wandsworth and Westminster)

The CCGs open to referral constitute the vast majority in percentage terms of overall referrals at the Trust. The SEL STP is working to better match demand and capacity, and therefore reduce the PTL and long waiters. We will be reviewing the catchment restrictions and our ability to lift them again after six months, and six-monthly thereafter if they are retained.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email.

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