

Referral from Watlington Medical Centre

This referral meets all clinical and contractual standards and should be processed without delay, rejection, or administrative conversion.

This referral has been made by an appropriately trained and authorised healthcare professional. It includes all relevant clinical information to support a safe, timely, and appropriate assessment by secondary care.

We confirm that this referral is made in accordance with the **NHS Standard Contract 2024/25 Service Conditions**. Specifically, clause **6.13** requires providers to:

“accept any Referral of a Service User made in accordance with the Referral processes and clinical thresholds set out or referred to in this Contract... and in any event where necessary for a Service User to exercise their legal right to choice as set out in the NHS Choice Framework.”

— NHS Standard Contract 2024/25, Service Condition 6.13

Accordingly, this referral **must not be rejected**.

- If further clinical workup is needed, this should be undertaken within secondary care as part of the patient pathway.
- The capacity of secondary care services must not be used as a reason to delay, reject, or reassign work back to general practice.
- We do not accept rejections based on the absence of locally agreed forms or templates. These are **not** contractually or professionally required.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise in our referral letter, this is **not** a request for Advice & Guidance. Conversion of this referral to A&G without our prior consent is inappropriate and will not be acted upon.

Any decision to reject, delay, or convert this referral **must be made by a named GMC-registered clinician**, with their full name and GMC number clearly stated in the response.

In the absence of such identification, we will assume that the Trust’s **Medical Director is accepting responsibility** for this decision.

Any resulting delays in patient care or treatment will be considered the responsibility of the receiving team.