



Position Statement: 2WW Prostate referrals to Chesterfield Royal Hospital

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The LMC are extremely concerned with the recent CCG newsletter informing practices that if they do not use or indeed correctly fill in a 2ww referral template for prostate referrals that they will be returned to the practices secure inbox.

This is a **HUGE** clinical risk and not acceptable.

All practices have all experienced an unprecedented increase in requests for PSA testing following media coverage of prostate cancer. This will have undoubtedly resulted in more referrals - we are all working under pressure.

We would encourage practices to use the 2ww referral guidance. We have been very supportive of using the 2ww referral forms as an aid to referral, but they are not functioning properly. This was highlighted to the CCG and CRH in November and again this month as no changes had been made to the format. Many GPs are not currently using the forms for this reason.

In our experience it is much more productive to adopt an educational and supportive approach to effect change.

The LMC have written today to both the CCG and CRH demanding that in the interests of patient safety and good relations they urgently retract this dictat and inform practices accordingly.

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