

Practice Service Briefing

Community Echocardiography Service STARTS: 1st February 2015

<p>What is it?</p> <p>Ipswich Hospital will begin to provide the Community Echocardiography Service from the 1st February 2015. This replaces the service previously provided by Inhealth (Echotech).</p> <p>This service will provide a community transthoracic echocardiography service for the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG GP practices.</p>
<p>What is NOT included?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients aged under 18 years with known congenital cardiac conditions should be referred direct to Ipswich Hospital • Referrals that do not meet the criteria or are incomplete
<p>What is included – the scope of the service?</p> <p>In scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For IHT only ▪ This service is offered to patients aged 16* and over registered with an Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG GP practice. (*Referral of patients aged 16-17 are acceptable only in the absence of known congenital cardiac conditions) ▪ The echo service will take referrals from clinicians who are conversant with NICE guidelines and the referral process, for the following conditions as a minimum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heart failure ○ Murmur ○ Previous MI, LV function ○ Atrial Fibrillation ○ Hypertension ○ Abnormal ECG ?cause ○ Cardiomegaly on CXR ▪ All new referrals must have an ECG and where appropriate a chest x-ray prior to referral (Please note: 24 Hour ECGs are now undertaken by GP practices and the analysis providers are: Express Diagnostics, Ipswich Hospital and Primary Diagnostics)
<p>How does it work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to be sent to IHT from 9th January 2015 • Referral form to be completed (Appendix 1) • Completed referral forms to be emailed to ihn-tr.IHCAdminTeam@nhs.net or fax to 01473 703245 • For enquiries please telephone 01473 703685 (ext 5685) • All new referrals must have an ECG and where appropriate a chest x-ray prior to referral. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provider will triage referral against criteria ○ If referral is not appropriate or incomplete referral, the referral will be sent back to the referrer ○ If referral is appropriate, provider will contact patient and patient will be given choice of location ○ Patients attends for ECHO test ○ Technician reports scan within 3 working days ○ Report and management guidelines faxed through to the referrer surgery.

Community locations will be Framfield House (Woodbridge), Ravenswood and Stowhealth.

Start date

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