

### **Guidelines for referrers for clinical queries**

- **Immediate calls, defined as patient referrals needing acute inpatient transfer** (eg patients with acute stroke, spinal cord syndromes, refractory seizures, encephalitis) should be discussed with the attending consultant at consultant-to-consultant level **only**.
- The attending consultant will decide if we can accept the referral and where the patient should be seen (inpatient admission/RANU/outpatients).
- If the referring hospital team have further questions about the management of the patient, these can be discussed at consultant level between the referring hospital consultant and the GOSH attending consultant.
- For calls out-of-hours, contact should be with the on-call team.
- No requests for reviews of brain/spine scans will be accepted through Neurology. If the referring hospital is requesting a second opinion on interpretation of imaging, they should request that their radiologist obtains an opinion about the images from a GOSH consultant neuroradiologist with a formal referral sent through IEP.

**Neuroradiology fax number: 020 7829 8665**

- The only scans which we will ask to be sent on IEP are for those patients being considered for referral, in order to plan for their inpatient, RANU or outpatient appointment.
- For less urgent clinical queries (ie not immediate), please fax a referral letter with the relevant clinical details and clinical question, as per our referral guidelines.
- All referrals will be reviewed by the GOSH team who will decide where the patient will be most appropriately seen (RANU/outpatients).

**Neurology and epilepsy referrals fax numbers: 020 7829 7923 or 020 7813 8279**