**Notification of the use of a single generic referral form by GPs in the BNSSG area**

Dear Colleagues,

We are communicating with you with regards to one of the actions agreed by all GPs within BNSSG as part of necessary [GP Collective Action.](https://www.bma.org.uk/our-campaigns/gp-campaigns/contracts/gp-contract-202425-changes)

From 04/11/24, GPs within the BNSSG area will be making all onward referrals using a single, generic [ICB BNSSG Standard Referral Form Template](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/service-guide/service-guide/) which has also been sent to you.

We believe this referral template contains all the relevant patient information required for a safe referral and has been approved by the ICB Referral Service and the GP Collaborative Board.

Avon LMC has highlighted the various referral inclusion/exclusion criteria to practices, which can be found on the [Remedy](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk) website to avoid the bounce back of referrals. If further information is required by your service, your teams will be required to obtain it from patients. Please do not email practices back requesting this, as general practice is not contractually obliged to provide this.

There will be a few exceptions to the use of the standard referral form template as follows:

* Fast track cancer referrals
* Referral forms for conditions requiring a commissioning policy
* Domiciliary phlebotomy referral

**We recommend you disseminate this email to all your departments.**

Yours sincerely,

Avon LMC