

## Appendix A

## Referral Read Codes

All referral Read codes start with the 2<sup>nd</sup> level code 8H (Referral for further care)

The best way to find an appropriate code is to input the speciality concerned. The referral code will be close to the top of the list as it will have been used regularly in the past.

8H4 covers Referral to Physician 8H5 covers Referral to Surgeon

(These 3<sup>rd</sup> level codes should only be used as a last resort when you cannot find a more suitable 4<sup>th</sup> level code)

**Emergency referrals or admissions** all start with 8H2. Use these when you have sent the patient to the hospital following discussion with the hospital doctor.

**Musculoskeletal referrals** – use 8HTP (Referral to musculoskeletal clinic, CATS & Physio)

**2 week rule referrals** - use child codes of 8Hn (Priority cancer referrals) Entering the speciality or “priority” will bring the list up

Admit ENT emergency	8H29.	Refer to audiologist	8H7V.
Admit gynaecological emergency	8H26.	Refer to counsellor	8H78.
Admit medical emergency unsp.	8H21.	Psychiatric referral	8H49.
Admit paediatric emergency	8H25.	Refer to district nurse	8H72.
Admit surgical emergency unsp.	8H22.	Refer to mental health worker	8H7A.
Cardiological referral	8H44.	Refer to osteopath	8H7D.
Dermatological referral	8H43.	Refer to pain clinic	8H69.
Emergency hospital admission	8H2..	Refer to physiotherapist	8H77.
ENT referral	8H53.	Refer to podiatry	8H7X.
Fast trac re su colorec cancer	8Hn4.	Refer to psychologist	8H7T.
Fast trac ref sus brest cancer	8Hn2.	Refer to Radiology department	8H7O.
Fast track ref sus skin cancer	8Hn0.	Referral for further care	8H...
Gastroenterological referral	8H48.	Referral for spirometry	8HRC.
General surgical referral	8H51.	Referral to antenatal clinic	8HT9.
Gynaecological referral	8H58.	Referral to audiology clinic	8HT3.
Immunological referral	8H45.	Referral to breast clinic	8HTI.
Neurological referral	8H46.	Referral to breast surgeon	8H5M.
Neurosurgical referral	8H55.	Referral to colorectal surgeon	8H5J.
Ophthalmological referral	8H52.	Referral to fertility clinic	8HTB.
Orthopaedic referral	8H54.		
Other referral	8H7..	Referral to musculoskeletal clinic	8HTP.
Private referral orthopaedics	8HV3.	Referral to paediatrician	8H42.
Private referral to dermatologist	8HVI.	Referral to physician	8H4..
Private referral to ENT surgeon	8HV2.	Referral to retinal screener	8H7n.
Private referral to gynaecologist	8HV7.	Referral to surgeon	8H5..
Private referral to physiothst	8HVb.	Referral: smok cessatn advisor	8H7i.
		Referred to hepatology service	8Hk5.
Ref to palliative care service	8H7g.	Referred to plastic surgeon	8H59.
Ref to rap acc chest pain clin	8HTJ.	Referred to rheumatologist	8H4B.
Refer for ultrasound investign	8HQ2.	Referred to urologist	8H5B.
		Referred to vascular surgeon	8H5D.