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Dear GP colleagues,

**Direct referrals to radiology at UCLH and Royal Free**

A small number of radiology requests for MSK related issues are being made directly to the radiology team at UCLH and are therefore bypassing Camden MSK's Single Point of Access (SPoA). The result is that patients are being booked into inappropriate slots with radiologists which is leading to a delay in their clinical management. MSK referrals are triaged within 48 hours of receipt and when appropriate and safe, patients will be referred to radiology by the Camden MSK team.

Please could you ensure that all MSK patients are referred to the SPoA rather than via radiology request forms. This is by using the normal MSK referral form and you can write a comment saying that this is for a radiology investigation if appropriate.

Please feel free to contact us should you have the need for further clarification.

With kind regards,



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