

NEW SERVICE FOR GPs: DXA IN THE COMMUNITY

Working in partnership with NHS North Yorkshire and York, InHealth is now an accredited provider of the GP direct referral service for DXA. This DXA service is being provided from three key locations:

- Clifton Park NHS Treatment Centre, York
- Beech Tree Surgery, Selby
- Tadcaster Health Centre, Tadcaster

Benefits of the Community DXA Service

- A full end to end service consisting of booking, scanning and reporting
- Patients' appointments can be booked directly using Choose & Book
- Patient appointments are within two weeks of receiving the referral from you
- Patient receives appointment letter, clear directions and map of the appointment location
- Patient receives an information leaflet and questionnaire for the appointment
- All staff are highly trained radiographic staff who follow a Continued Professional Development Plan

Clinical Guidance for Referring DXA Patients

DXA scanning is the test of choice for measuring bone density. DXA is indicated for patients who have the following risk factors for osteoporosis:

Recent fracture of wrist, humerus or spine	Long term use of steroids or thyroxine
Parental hip fracture	Low body mass (BMI less than 19)
Radiological osteopenia	Coeliac disease
Inactive Lifestyle	Chronic liver disease
Smoking	Type 1 diabetes
High alcohol intake	Rheumatoid arthritis
Early menopause (<45 years)	Hypoparathyroid / hyperthyroid disease

More information on DXA scans can be found on our GP guide for referring for DXA scans which is included in this pack.

How to Refer a Patient:

To refer a patient, simply complete a DXA referral form (copies included in this pack) and fax/e-mail back to us. We will then triage your referral and contact the patient to book an appointment for them.

For more referral forms please e-mail info@inhealthgroup.com, or visit www.inhealthgroup.com. To discuss the DXA service in more detail please contact us on 0845 045 3666