

Electronic Eyecare Referral System Newsletter

2nd Edition

Implementation Update

- 87 practices are now using Cinapsis, the initial feedback has been really positive.
- Over 5,500 referrals processed so far.
- All clinical pathways are available on Cinapsis.
- All referrals are now triaged within 72 hours of being generated on Cinapsis. Improving patient access times.

AMD Referrals

Using Cinapsis to refer for suspected wAMD requires the form to be completed and it is not possible to attach a GOS form instead.

The form is not extensive and gives the minimum information required for the Macular Consultants to triage the referral's priority and clinical requirements.

[If the patient has another macular condition, please refer to the SPoA and not via email directly to the Providers.](#)

The new referral form and Cinapsis have enabled significant improvements in access times for patients. The enhanced referral service which will include diagnostics will improve this further and it is hoped this will be implemented in the new few months.

[Referrals for AMD can be made to any NHS Provider of the patient's choice. Services are **NOT** restricted based on their GP location.](#)

Cinapsis System Updates

GP Information

The patients GP practice and address is now visible in the blue information banner. This address can be checked on the new weblink: [GP Locality Checker](#) and it will inform which locality the patient belongs to.

Please remember all Children and patients with Urgent Suspected Cancer all go via the Community Triage and Choice regardless of postcode and not to HealthHarmonie.

The blue banner also shows the ICB in which their GP Practice belongs. If the patient is not N&N please either send the referral to their GP or use the local pathways as per the LOC Website. Do not send these to the N&N SPoA services.

Service and Pathway search function

There is now a service search function in the system. This service allows you to search a provider or pathway.

Provider Choice

The YAG Laser and Cataract second eye referral forms now include a section for provider choice. If a patient wishes to continue care with a particular provider for these conditions, this should be entered onto the referral form so the SPoA are aware of this when offering choice.

Further Developments

Almost all of the 11 ICBs in the Midlands area are near completion of their implementation of Cinapsis. Work is now ongoing with the programme to allow Optometrists to refer all patients in the system regardless of the locality of the patient's GP practice.

i.e. if a patient who lives and has a GP in Derbyshire but attends an Optometric practice in Nottingham a referral currently cannot be made on Cinapsis. The further development work is planned to allow access to bordering services so referrals can be made in Cinapsis.

Thank you to all for your support in rolling out EeRS
Cinapsis within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.