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## **The Lomond Clinic Referral Policy**

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## **Referral Policy for GPs**

If after consultation it transpires that a patient would need onward referral to a hospital specialist, GP would write the required referral letter to the appropriate private specialist at the hospital of the patient's choice.

If for whatever reason the patient needs referral to an NHS specialist, GP would write to their NHS GP requesting this.

Communications will be via email with an acknowledgement of receipt request, with follow up by phone/letter if no acknowledgement received.

All correspondence between the patient and the patient's NHS GP will be recorded in the patient's care records.