

# 'In-house' referrals : a primary care alternative to immediate secondary care referrals.

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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

Methods are needed to ensure that those patients referred from primary to secondary care are those most likely to benefit. In-house referral is the referral of a patient by a general practitioner to another general practitioner within the same practice for a second opinion on the need for secondary care referral. To describe whether in-house referral is practical and acceptable to patients, and the health outcomes for patients.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Study setting(s)

GP practice

### Study type(s)

Other

## Participant information sheet

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Not applicable

### Interventions

Practices were randomized into an intervention or a control group. In intervention practices, patients with certain conditions who were about to be referred to secondary care were referred in-house. If the second clinician agreed referral was appropriate the patient was referred on to secondary care. In control practices patients were referred in the usual fashion. Patient satisfaction and health status was measured at the time of referral, 6 months and one year.

### Intervention Type

Other

### Phase

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

1. Health status: SF 36
2. Patient Satisfaction: Medical Interview Satisfaction Scale (MISS)

**Secondary outcome measures**

Not provided at time of registration

**Overall study start date**

01/04/1995

**Completion date**

01/04/1997

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Patients judged to need hospital referral by their general practitioners. In the intervention practices, these patients were initially referred 'in-house' to another GP in the same practice. In control practices, patients were referred directly to hospital.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Other

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

Not provided at time of registration

**Key exclusion criteria**

Does not match inclusion criteria

**Date of first enrolment**

01/04/1995

**Date of final enrolment**

01/04/1997

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

Wales

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## **Sponsor information**

### **Organisation**

Record Provided by the NHS R&D 'Time-Limited' National Programme Register - Department of Health (UK)

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### **Sponsor type**

Government

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## **Funder(s)**

### **Funder type**

Government

### **Funder Name**

NHS Primary and Secondary Care Interface National Research and Development Programme (UK)

## **Results and Publications**

### **Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

### **Intention to publish date**

### **Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**  
Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/01/1998		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/12/1999		Yes	No