

To all GP Colleagues

### **Implementation of Advice & Refer (A&R) in Gynaecology**

BHRUT is undertaking a major programme with primary care partners, commissioners, and our patients to transform the way we deliver outpatient services.

A significant part of the overall programme is to optimise care pathways. We are changing the way GPs refer a patient to BHRUT Gynaecology services to a process known as 'advice and refer' (A&R) using the advice and guidance (A&G) pathway on e-RS.

A&R provides primary care with continued access to timely specialist clinical advice and triage, enabling a patient's care to be managed in the most appropriate setting, strengthening shared decision making and avoiding unnecessary outpatient appointments.

As of **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, all referrals for gynaecology should be sent to:

#### **Gynaecology - Advice & Refer Service - Queens Hospital and King George Hospital RF4 - BHRUT**

BHRUT will be closing other referral pathways for the General Gynaecology clinic service resulting in a single streamlined electronic referral process for GPs seeking General Gynaecology clinic appointments or Advice & Guidance.

All requests will be reviewed within 5 working days - either to give prompt advice or to schedule an appointment, according to clinical need.

**Please note, 2ww and Fertility clinics will be excluded from this change and will retain their existing separate referral pathway and process.**

