

Suspension of Homerton Healthcare Fertility Service

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Dear colleagues

Further to our letter last month on the suspension of the Homerton Healthcare Fertility Service, we are writing to update on the management of this cohort of patients. We appreciate the unprecedented level of demand for GP appointments and the ongoing pressures that primary care teams are having to endure. We have been working to find an alternative solution for those patients that have been referred to Homerton's fertility clinic but have not yet been seen by the clinic.

The team at Homerton will work through all the patients under the care of the unit and arrange inter hospital transfer of care where required or requested. This will include those women who are yet to have been seen by Homerton. The total number of patients under the care of the unit is significant and is being done according to clinical priority. The process of arranging inter hospital transfers of care will continue for several more weeks to come.

All patients under the care of the Homerton fertility clinic have already been provided with details about the process and how to contact the clinic. There may however be instances where patients who are yet to have been seen by the Homerton, contact their GP practice directly for relevant queries or support. The numbers of these patients are small, with most practices that have been identified, having just one patient. Homerton will work through all the patients identified in time, but if a patient attends their GP practice in the interim with a referral request, we please ask for the help of GP practice teams to complete the onward referral to avoid any further delays.

We wanted to thank the primary care community for their ongoing support. If you have any issues or questions, please contact: nelondonicb.fertility@nhs.net

Many thanks



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