



Homerton Surgical Services Move to Advice & Refer

Upcoming change to referral pathways – Advice & Refer model

From **April 2026**, the following hospital services will move from a **Directly Bookable Service (DBS)** model to an **Advice & Refer (A&R)** pathway via **e-Referral Service (eRS)**:

- General Surgery (1 April)
- Plastics (TBC)
- Urology (TBC)
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) (TBC)

Under the A&R model, all GP referrals will be **clinically triaged by the specialty team**.

Outcomes will include:

- Advice returned to the GP where management can continue in primary care
- Acceptance and booking into the **most appropriate clinic**
- Redirection or rejection with clear guidance where appropriate

This change aims to **reduce waiting times**, improve referral quality, and ensure patients are seen in the right setting first time.

Further guidance, please refer to the updated Directory of Services (DoS) entries on eRS for condition inclusions and exclusions.

Please contact the appropriate clinical team regarding clinical or patient specific queries. Contact Homerton's Outpatient Transformation team for further information regarding Advice & Refer and eRS queries.