

**Cardiology & Diagnostic Physiologic Measurement RSS pathways**

Please refer to [cardiology page](#) on the RSS website for referral criteria information

**If you require support prior to submission of referral please contact the RSS on 0300 303 0060 and request to be directed to a Team Leader or Manager**

| Referral Pathway                   | Requirements   | Specialty                            | Clinic Type                         | Exclusions  |
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| Rapid Access Chest Pain            | Complete the Gateway referral pathway questionnaire<br><br>Attach ECG – no more than 4 weeks old<br><br>Urgent only pathway  | Cardiology                           | Rapid Access Chest Pain             | Patients with coronary artery disease<br><br>Patients under cardiology follow-up at York Teaching Hospital  |
| Open Access Echo for Heart Murmurs | No specific form required<br><br>Complete the Gateway referral pathway questionnaire on and clearly identify the reason for the referral<br><br>Please attach a recent ECG | Diagnostic Physiological Measurement | Cardiac Physiology - Echocardiogram | Patients already under cardiology follow up in secondary care<br><br>Patients with symptoms of Heart Failure with a murmur or with Atrial Fibrillation should be referred through the Heart Failure pathway |
| Heart Failure                      | Complete Heart Failure referral pathway questionnaire on Gateway<br><br>Attach ECG and ensure that blood test results are included with values especially BNP              | Cardiology                           | Heart Failure                       | Normal BNP<br>Recent echocardiogram < 6/12 months<br>Patient already under a cardiologist   |



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| <p>Palpitations</p>                           | <p>Complete the palpitations referral pathway questionnaire on Gateway</p> <p>A normal full blood count and thyroid function test <b>MUST</b> have been completed and results included in the referral.</p> <p>A resting ECG must also be enclosed.</p>               | <p>Diagnostic Physiological Measurement</p> | <p>Cardiac Physiology - Echocardiogram</p>         | <p><b>High risk patients with symptoms below-refer urgently to cardiology service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-History of Syncope</li> <li>Exertional cardiac symptoms</li> <li>-Pre-existing cardiac disease; heart failure, valvular heart disease, congenital heart disease</li> <li>-Family History of Sudden Cardiac Death under the age of 65 years</li> <li>Evidence of structural heart disease</li> <li>-Resting ECG abnormality of excluding 1st degree heart block</li> <li>-Atrial Fibrillation - If Atrial fibrillation documented follow NICE guidance CG36 -</li> <li>Abnormal Full blood count -</li> <li>Abnormal Thyroid function test</li> <li>-Paediatrics- under 16 years of age, should be referred to a paediatrician</li> </ul> |
| <p>All other general cardiology referrals</p> | <p>Create and submit standard cardiology Gateway referral and clearly identify the reason for the referral</p> <p>Please attach a recent ECG if possible and the results of other appropriate investigations for example 24hr BP</p> <p>Any abnormal test results</p> | <p>Cardiology</p>                           | <p>Selection relevant clinic type to condition</p> | <p><b>Lipid clinic referrals should be directed to lipid clinic via:</b></p> <p><b>Endocrinology / Lipid Disorders</b></p>   |



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