

Key points (including Urgent and Out of Hours Specialist Referrals information)

What's New?

- **PPM+ Specialist Referrals** is replacing the **Physio R/S/D column (PT column)** for **routine inpatient physiotherapy assessments**.
- Use **Specialist Referrals** for **routine inpatient physio reviews (Mon–Fri, 8am–4pm)**.
- If you previously added an **R** in the **column**, now complete a **Physiotherapy Specialist Referral** instead.

Urgent Chest Physiotherapy (Mon–Fri, 8am–4pm):

For acutely unwell patients needing chest physio:

- **Bleep the individual physio team for urgent response.**
- Then complete a **specialist referral**, if required for a **new patient**.

Overnight Referrals (4pm–8am):

- **Specialist Referrals submitted overnight will be triaged at 8am** by the day team.

Weekends & Bank Holidays:

- **No change to existing weekend referral processes.**
- Continue to **bleep physiotherapy for routine weekend reviews** (**Specialist Referral lists are not triaged at weekends**).

Out of Hours Acute Chest Physiotherapy (4pm–8am):

Current process remains unchanged:

- **Contact switchboard**, who will contact the site specific **out of hours physiotherapist**.
- **Do NOT submit a Specialist Referral** for **initial out of hours chest physio** as it will **NOT** be picked up.