

General Information				
1. Title of pathway	Chronic headache pathway			
2. Start date	23/08/2019 for referral form to be launched, first Consultant triage clinic being held 9/9/19			
3. Contract Length				
4. Areas covered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nottingham City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Notts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid Notts			
Service Specific Information				
5. Provider of service	NUH NHS Trust – Neurology Service			
6. Service Information	NUH Consultant triage of referrals, so that patients who previously would have been seen in a face to face appointment will now have their referral reviewed by a Consultant (in a “virtual clinic”) which will lead to an outcome of either) a written management advice letter back to the GP and patient, or, (for cases where the Consultant feels it is warranted), an outpatient appointment in a neurology clinic will be made.			
7. Inclusion criteria	Patients with a headache, in line with the Nottinghamshire APC adult headache pathway https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/media/1040/headache-pathway.pdf			
8. Exclusion criteria	Headaches with papilloedema or headaches associated with persistent or developing neurological deficits should not be referred through this pathway and should go to eye casualty/A&E or be referred to the acute neurology team by contacting the on call consultant at QMC.			
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Referral processes				
10. Referral form status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standardised form exists, no changes – Neurology Headache referral form			
How to refer	GP to refer via GN RSS and GN RSS will refer into NUH RAS. NUH have established a Headache RAS (Referral Assessment Service) on eRS to receive referrals for this new chronic headache pathway.			
Useful Contacts				
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