

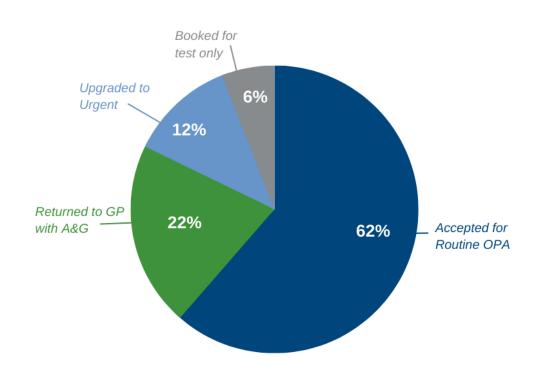
Referral Triage / Clinical Validation Service

September 2023

Waiting lists reduced on average by 28%

Over 50,000 referrals triaged

Outcomes:



Specialties Available

- 1. Cardiology
- 2. Dermatology
- 3. Diabetes and Endocrinology
- 4. Elderly Care
- 5. E.N.T
- 6. Gastroenterology
- 7. General Surgery
- 8. Gynaecology
- 9. Haematology

- 10. Neurology
- 11. Ophthalmology
- 12. Paediatrics
- 13. Renal Medicine
- 14. Respiratory Medicine
- 15. Rheumatology
- 16. Trauma & Orthopaedics
- 17. Urology

Up to 60% avoid the need for a referral (dependant on specialty)

*Data correct as of August 2023

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How it works

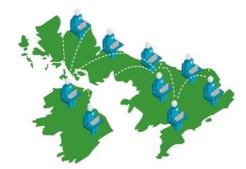


- 'Virtual' NHS consultants from our National Consultant Network (NCN):
 - triage referral backlogs in bulk and/or
 - triage new **incoming referrals** and/or
 - review and validate follow-up lists
- Follow local protocols and pathways
- Write up and capture outcomes
- Through project implementation and continued management from our dedicated account management team, we ensure that all workflow, outcomes and processes are aligned before commencing and throughout the process

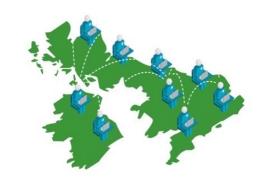
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Key benefits

- √ Manages high volumes quickly
- ✓ Returns referrals with a management plan to Primary Care where appropriate
- ✓ Identifies important upgrades as well as downgrades
- ✓ Directs referrals to the right service first time
- ✓ Initiates diagnostics where needed
- ✓ Validates follow up lists to ensure patients are **seen/discharged in the most appropriate way** (F2F, virtual, discharged to PIFU etc.)
- √ Follows local pathways
- ✓ Communicates all results via local systems
- ✓ Charged on a per referral basis
- √ 100% outcome reporting



In Practice



Trust opted for Consultant Connect to triage Dermatology long waiters

✓ Total waiting list size **4,000 referrals triaged**. Clear benefit in **managing clinical risk** as **upgraded patients** to **2WW have been captured** as full waiting list has been triaged.

Summary outcomes:

- 47% of referrals received advice to commence treatment immediately
- 2% of referrals upgraded to 2ww

Detailed outcomes:





8% Removed from waiting list

93% Right place, first time

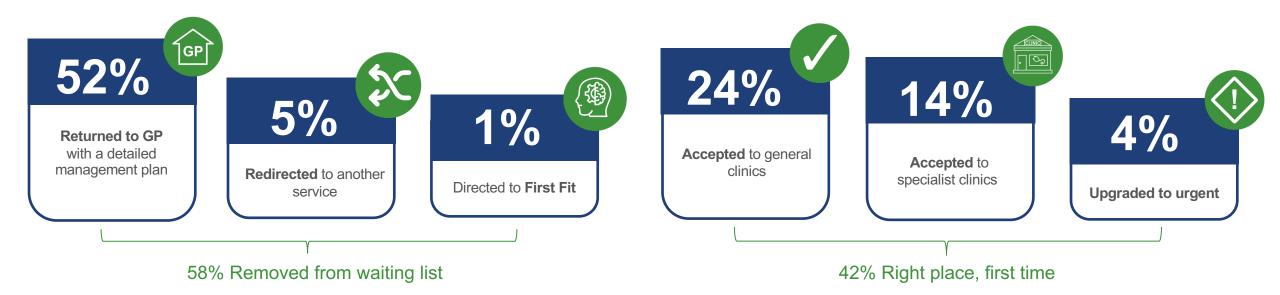
With the majority of patients receiving and starting treatment plans ahead of their appointment

* Due to rounding, statistics may equal 100%

Trust opted for Consultant Connect to triage waiting lists of backlogs

- ✓ Across Neurology
- ✓ Over 1,000 referrals triaged

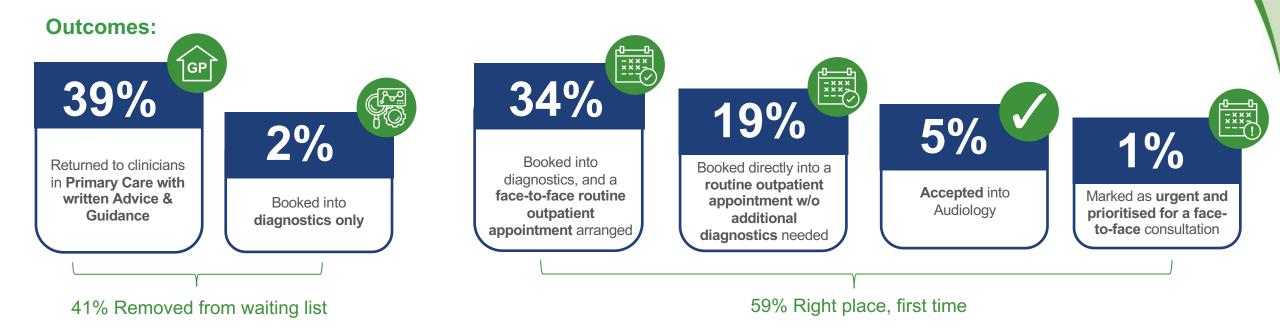
Outcomes:



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Trust opted for Consultant Connect to triage E.N.T long waiters

✓ Initial pilot of **200 patients**, focussed on those who had been on the E.N.T waiting list for **50-60 weeks**



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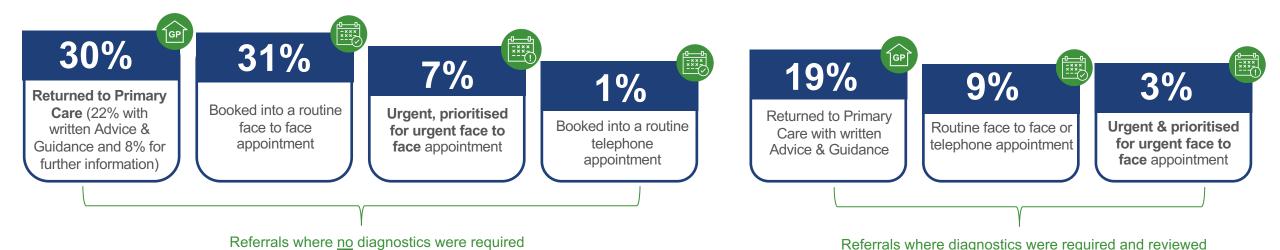
As a result of the pilot, the Trust asked for further support with triaging an additional 200 patients on the 50-60 week waiting list.

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Opted for Consultant Connect to triage incoming referrals in Cardiology, initiate and review diagnostics

- ✓ 2,000 referrals triaged to date, with over 30% identified as needing diagnostics
- ✓ Where the outcome of the initial referral review by the NCN consultant is that the patient needs to be booked for diagnostics, the consultant specifies which tests need to be booked, and once completed, the consultant reviews the results from the tests and is able to more fully triage the patients speeding up care.
- √ 41% of referrals were safely returned to Primary Care with a detailed management plan

Outcomes:



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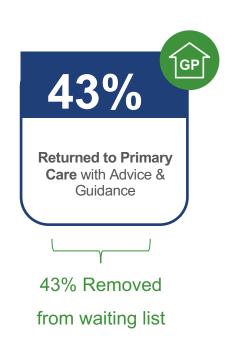
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Example 5 - Gynaecology

Specialty trends – across multiple NHS hospitals – Gynaecology

✓ Over 3,800 referrals triaged across 4 NHS trusts

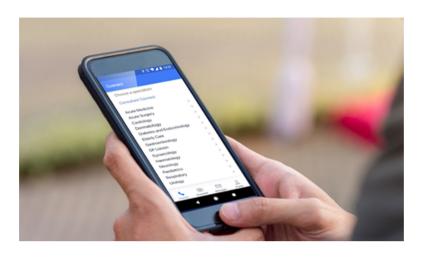
Outcomes:





57%% Right place, first time

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