Referral Criteria

The RNOH is a highly specialist Tertiary Referral Centre and therefore has limited resources and capacity to treat all patients referred to us.

We therefore apply strict clinical criteria to ensure that only appropriate patients are seen at the RNOH. Your referral may not be accepted and, if so, the reason why will be one of the following:

**Primary referrals**

- The patient’s referral is not considered to be complex enough by our surgical team as we are specialised Tertiary Referral Centre and therefore have limited resources and capacity to support non-complex work.

**Tertiary referrals**

- The patient has not been assessed at a District General Hospital by a Consultant Surgeon.
- The patient’s images are over six months old.
- The patient’s imaging has not been received electronically.
- The patient’s imaging report was not included with the referral.
- The patient’s referral is not considered to be complex enough by our surgical team as we are specialised Tertiary Referral Centre and therefore have limited resources and capacity to support non-complex work.