

Comms – Rapid Access Clinics at the Royal Oldham Hospital

The Rapid Access Clinics (RAC) provide a rapid referral for children who have been seen by their GP, ED or other referrer who require an urgent opinion from a paediatrician but not necessarily an admission.

- RAC Test of change is starting w/c 27th January 2020
- The clinics will run on Tuesday AM and Thursday PM
- This will be at the Royal Oldham Hospital Paediatric Outpatient Department
- The rapid access clinic is for:
 - o Children up to their 16th Birthday
 - o Children requiring senior paediatric review but not admission
 - o The referral should be one urgent specific problem rather than multiple issues
- If required children will be offered one follow up with the RAC clinician. After this they will be discharged from the RAC and if further care is required they will be referred to the appropriate service
- We aim to see children within 10 working days. Please ensure patients are available to attend in this timeframe
- All referrals will be triaged by a consultant paediatrician
- Any referrals thought to be fulfilling the criteria will be seen within 10 working days
- Any referrals not meeting the criteria will be redirected to the most appropriate service including back to the GP
- GPs are to refer in through the E-Referral system and into the Paediatric Rapid Access Referral Assessment Service
- Colleagues from the CCNT, ED, ROH O+A and Inpatient ward need to refer using the Paediatric Rapid Access Clinic Referral Form. Please see embedded form below.
- When a child has been seen in the RAC the family will be given a hand written outcome form outlining their consultation, management plan, medication and any follow up arrangements. This will then be formally dictated into a letter for the referrer. Please see embedded outcome form below.



Paediatric Rapid
Access Clinic Referral



Rapid Access Clinic -
Outcome Form.docx

Exclusions to the clinic include:

- Children with a MANCHEWs trigger of Amber or Red
- Children with chronic conditions already under a paediatrician
- Behavioural difficulties e.g. autism, ADHD
- Orthopaedics (e.g. limping child)
- HYM children
- Safeguarding issues
- Suspected cancer referrals (please refer through the normal route)

In you have any queries please contact Jemimah Howard, Directorate Manager Paediatrics and Neonates at the Royal Oldham Hospital on Jemimah.howard@pat.nhs.uk