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Dear Clinicians and admin staff

Increased 2ww Suspected Cancer GP Referrals to CUH

In the four weeks prior to Christmas GP referrals to CUH were down to half the expected number.

However, in the two weeks after New Year GP referrals to CUH almost doubled their usual level. There has been a particular increase in breast referrals which may be due to current TV story lines.

Obviously, the increase activity in the New Year has impacted on the ability of the Trust to meet waiting times.

In view of this, GP colleagues are requested to ensure that you print and hand the 2ww Patient information leaflet to the patient whilst they are in the consulting room.

This will help to ensure that CUH get all appropriate 2ww referrals in a timely manner and deal with them within the target times and will encourage patients to attend any appointments they are offered.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope you feel it makes clinical sense.

Yours sincerely



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