

**NHS Salford CCG: GP eBulletin submission form**

The Salford CCG GP eBulletin is published fortnightly on a Wednesday. The deadline for contributions is **midday** the **preceding Friday**. This form must be fully completed, in line with the requirements below and returned to [marco.giannini@nhs.net](mailto:marco.giannini@nhs.net). Incomplete forms and those received after the deadline may not be included.

In an attempt to control the length of the eBulletin, unless specified, articles will run for no longer than two consecutive weeks, so please bear in mind before submitting content. If you need your article to run for longer then please discuss this with [Marco Giannini](#).

**Title:** Any article for the GP eBulletin must have an accompanying title.

**Acronym:** If using any acronyms, please ensure that you provide an explanation as to what each acronym stands for.

**Article:** Maximum of 150 words. If you have any attachments send these along with your form and they will be stored and hyperlinked into the article. If you have a web link to go with your article, please ensure that it is live by the time the article is to be published. If it is not live or does not work, the article may be delayed.

Any articles that are over 150 words may have to be edited by the Communications Team who may not be able to send back to you the final article that will be communicated, so ensure that your article meets the 150 word limit.

**Action and impact:** What do you want people to do as a result of reading your article? What will the impact of your article be on the NHS and who will it affect?

**Key contact name:** Who do readers contact for further information?

Please complete the form below and email to Marco Giannini – [marco.giannini@nhs.net](mailto:marco.giannini@nhs.net)

<b>Title:</b>	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, Liver Clinics - GP Referral Guidelines
<b>Article:</b>	<p>To ensure patients are booked into the correct clinics and to aide with streamlining referrals SRFT have provided the following GP referral guidelines:</p> <p>Prior to referral to the liver clinic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Undertake two LFTs 3 months apart</li> <li>2. IF - ALT is above normal limits on the first test and has increased on the second test undertake the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full blood count</li> <li>• Ultrasound scan of liver</li> <li>• U+Es</li> <li>• AST</li> <li>• Immunoglobulins</li> <li>• Auto-Antibodies</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferritin</li> <li>• Iron</li> <li>• Viral Hep – A, B, C</li> </ul> <p>3. If the above tests are normal refer to COMMUNITY ALCOHOL LIVER CLINIC (also known as the Well Liver Clinic)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If bloods normal and AUDIT C &gt; 16 also refer to COMMUNITY ALCOHOL LIVER CLINIC</p> <p>4. If the above tests are abnormal refer to HOSPITAL LIVER CLINIC</p> <p>5. All services can be found on NHS e-RS (formerly Choose and Book)</p> <p>6. Please ensure that patients' bloods have been done and a copy of the blood results sent with the referral</p> <p>7. If scan results are available please also send through with the referral</p> <p>For further information, please contact Emma Donaldson, Consultant Hepatologist or Andrew Turner, Hepatology Advanced Practitioner at SRTF  <a href="mailto:emma.donaldson@srft.nhs.uk">emma.donaldson@srft.nhs.uk</a> / <a href="mailto:andrew.turner@srft.nhs.uk">andrew.turner@srft.nhs.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Category (Delete as Applicable)</b></p>	<p>Clinical Pathways</p>
<p><b>Action and impact:</b></p>	<p>Referral guidelines</p>
<p><b>Key contact name:</b></p>	
<p><b>Please confirm who from the CCG has signed-off this article prior to its submission:</b></p> <p><i>(This will have to be a related Commissioning Manager or equivalent – without relevant sign off, the article may not be included)</i></p>	<p>Dr. G. Patel  Clinical Lead – LTC Strategy Group Salford CCG</p> <p>Annette Donegani  Service Improvement Manager – Salford CCG</p>