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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Rapid Specialist Opinion System services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

I would like to know:

Does this CCG use a system, for example, a Rapid Specialist Opinion system to review patient referrals from GPs to hospital specialists?

[NHS South Sefton CCG does not currently use such a system.](#)

If yes:

how long has this system been in place for,
what consultation was undertaken before the decision to implement this system was made,
what company is used to carry out the review of the referral?

[Not applicable.](#)

If no:

do you have any plans in place to implement a Rapid Specialist Opinion system, or other system to review GP referrals to specialists?
what are the details of the plan?

[No detailed plans have been developed.](#)

What is your policy for consultation with the public before contacting private companies to run NHS services?

Not applicable.

Do you obtain consent from patients before passing their medical records and personal details to private companies?

Not applicable.