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Dear colleague,

### **Re: Community DEXA scanning service**

Further to our letter dated 1 June 2017, NHS East Lancashire CCG and NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG are pleased to confirm that the recent tender for a community DEXA scanning service has been awarded to East Lancashire Hospitals Trust (ELHT).

NHS East Lancashire CCG and NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG are delighted that the population of Pennine Lancashire will continue to have a local service and are looking forward to working jointly with ELHT going forward.

ELHT will be delivering the service from **Accrington Victoria Hospital** and have confirmed they will accept DEXA referrals from **Monday 7 August 2017**, with the service becoming operational from **Friday 1 September 2017**. Referrals into the service will be accepted in the same way as all other Radiology requests, via the ICE system.

### **Referral criteria for DEXA Scan**

- FRAX Assessment score must be included in every referral
- Low Trauma Fracture (adult)
- Untreated early or surgical menopause (pre-aged 45years)
- Radiological evidence of osteopenia
- Height loss/ kyphosis
- Long term or high dose corticosteroid (>7.5mg prednisolone/day for a cumulative period of greater than 3 months in a 5 year period)
- Patients on Aromatase Inhibitors (AI) (Breast Cancer treatment)

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### Relevant Diseases/Conditions

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Liver Disease
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Renal Disease
- Thyrotoxicosis
- Malabsorption (crohns, colitis, celiac)
- Hypogonadism
- Amenorrhoea

### Risk Factors

- Maternal/Paternal history of hip fracture
- Smoking excessively
- Alcohol excess
- Glucocorticoid therapy
- Low BMI

Reports will subsequently be returned electronically via the ICE desktop system within 5 days of the scan being performed.

Should you require any further information or would like to discuss further please don't hesitate to Gemma Hedge on 01282 644887 or [gemma.hedge@eastlancscg.nhs.uk](mailto:gemma.hedge@eastlancscg.nhs.uk) or David O'Brien, Radiology Directorate Manager on 01254 735 202 or [david.obrien@elht.nhs.uk](mailto:david.obrien@elht.nhs.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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