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Dear Doctor

GP Direct Access to CT and MRI

As you are aware, Cobalt is an accredited provider for Direct Access MRI and CT.

We currently accept the standard CCG Radiology Referral Form via our secure fax number 01242 535919. We hope to be able to offer fully automated referrals to the NHS Choose and Book system soon.

The scans we can provide are detailed below.

CT	Head
	Chest
	Abdomen
	Pelvis
MRI	Head/Brain (incl dizzy pathway - intermedius)
	Chest
	Abdomen
	Lumbar spine (linked to back pathway)
	Pelvis

Please check the iRefer guidelines for more information, if you are still unsure please check with your CCG contact. Body parts not stated above are expressly excluded from this service provision.

We have a high-field open MRI scanner available for claustrophobic patients, larger patients and those with limited mobility.

Please find enclosed a leaflet detailing how to refer to Cobalt. Please remember to provide full clinical patient information on the referral form, to avoid delays in the appointment process.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call us on 01242 535910.

Yours sincerely



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