

East Sussex

Arranging an OPG for practices without their own OPG machine

Refer patients to the Radiology/Imaging Department at their local hospital. Images should be sent back to referring GDPs within 48 hours via IEP (Image Exchange Portal). This involves an email being sent to the dentist with a weblink and password in order to access the image.

Please note that this arrangement is only for referrals from identified NHS dental practices without OPG machines. NHS practices with their own OPG machine (and private practices) will need to make their own arrangements with local hospitals should they choose to refer patients into hospital for this service.

Where the treatment required is outside of the competence of all performers at the practice, and fits the IMOS referral criteria, an oral surgery referral should be made using the Dental Electronic Referral System (DERS) and the OPG should be uploaded on DERS.

Radiology/Imaging Department Information

To refer a patient for an OPG, dentists should complete a Radiology request form (see Appendix 1) which can be used for both sites, The Conquest & Eastbourne DGH. **Incomplete referrals will result in the x-ray being refused.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Conquest Hospital The Ridge, St Leonards-on-Sea East Sussex, TN37 7RD (01424) 755255 Eastbourne District General Hospital Kings Drive, Eastbourne East Sussex, BN21 2UD (01323) 417400  xray request form.pdf	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust provides Radiology services at both The Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne DGH. To refer a patient for an OPG dentists should complete a Radiology request form (see Appendix 1) which can be used for both sites, The Conquest & Eastbourne DGH). The form should be sent to the Radiology department at the hospital closest to the Patient. The GDPs professional registration number and email will be required on the form. East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust is currently reviewing the appointment system for general X-Ray services to support the best use of resources. For this reason they ask that an appointment is made, rather than patients attending their walk in service. Appointments are available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm with some late night appointments also available Images will be sent back to referring GDPs within 48 hours via IEP (Image Exchange Portal). This involves an email being sent to the dentist with a weblink and password in order to access the image.
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