

Referrals procedure



Inpatient referrals

- An inpatient at CRH can be referred by telephone on ext. 3213 or by using a nutrition and dietetic referral form, which can be accessed below. Referrals can be faxed or posted.
- All inpatients should be screened for malnutrition on admission to hospital using the Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool (MUST) screening tool and this should be re-assessed weekly. Referrals based on MUST are accepted based on a MUST score of 2 or more.

Outpatient referrals

- To access this service as an outpatient, patients must be referred by other healthcare practitioners, such as, GPs, district nurses, community matrons and consultants. This can be done by completing a written referral, for example, the nutrition and dietetic referral form which can be accessed below. Referrals can be faxed or posted. We offer a range of clinic locations at Chesterfield Royal Hospital and across North Derbyshire. Hospital transport can be arranged if required.

Community visits

- If patients are housebound or live in a care home, meaning that they are unable to attend an outpatient clinic, we offer home visits. This must be stated on the written referral.