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1. Objective

To ensure process for all radiology examinations and procedures to have documented results.

Radiology auto reports - a clinical evaluation is required within the patient notes, which is a delegated operator requirement of the entitled referrer.

Radiology formal reports required for all other examinations/procedures.

2. Practical Procedure

Clinical services

There is an agreed delegation through IR(ME)R for all referrers to interpret and documents the clinical evaluation. There is an ongoing requirement for the services to undertake regular audit of this to ensure adherence.

Radiology service

Any clinical evaluation carried out by an entitled Operator on CRIS will be checked and verified before it is sent to the referrer.

The radiology department will issue at the time of the exam/procedure acquisition an auto report.

Clerical staff on a regular basis will produce a statistical report highlighting which examinations have not been reported and ensure that this is made available to an entitled Operator for reporting.

Should the entitled Operator feel that any images within scope for an auto report merit a formal report then they should make a comment in the reasons for examination box to indicate to the reporter the reason for not providing an auto-report.

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Table 1. Inclusion and exclusion for auto reporting of radiology examinations/procedures.

Clinical Service	Inclusion (Auto report required)	Exclusions (Formal report required)	Locations
Dental	Dental practitioner referrals for assessment of dentition Maxillofacial service – OPG and cephalometric radiographs Dental hospital radiographs	Cone Beam CT All examinations not referred from dental practitioners.	All sites
Orthopaedic	Follow up radiographs - fracture & orthopaedic clinics Post-op radiographs of joint replacement surgery Long Leg radiographs Clyde only (orthopaedic immediate post-operative radiographs)	First radiograph at clinic with no previous formal report on CRIS of the same body part. New trauma New presentation of symptoms Chest X-Ray Long Spine radiographs Ortho oncology radiographs All patients under the age of 16yrs	All sites except RHC Clyde sector for immediate post op radiographs only
Plastic surgery	Hand clinic follow up radiograph	First radiographs at clinic with no formal report is on CRIS of the same body part. All other body radiographs All patients under the age of 16yrs	
Urology	Follow up abdominal radiographs of urinary tract calculi.	First radiograph following CT KUB & operative procedures	All sites except Clyde
Fluoroscopy	Procedures performed by a non - Radiologist	Radiographer led services	All sites
DEXA	All DEXA	None	All sites

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