

CLINICAL UPDATE

3rd March 2023

Direct to CT Pathway Pilot (Stroke Video Triage) – Queens Hospital

A 24/7 Direct to CT pathway is being piloted at Queens Hospital, Romford. This will be for patients who have been triaged through the Stroke Video Triage pathway, in the West Essex area, where their nearest HASU is Queens Romford.

The go live date is: Monday 6th March 2023 at 0900. The pilot will be for 12 weeks initially

This initiative is following the recent success of the Stroke Video Triage / Direct to CT Pathway at Peterborough City Hospital, where door to imaging times have dropped from an average of 22 minutes down to 2 minutes, and door to needle times from an average of 55 minutes, down to the quickest case so far of 15 minutes.

Time is brain, and this pilot aims to replicate the success in Peterborough, getting our patients to the CT scan earlier, and if the patient is a candidate for thrombolysis and / or thrombectomy that they receive this at the earliest opportunity.

Criteria:

- Patient's must be triaged through the Stroke Video Triage pathway
- Must have an NHS number for the patient (to allow the patient to be booked in and CT requested prior to arrival)
- Adult patient with new onset Neurological Symptoms

It is essential that patients has been Video Triaged by a doctor to assess the patients suitability to be taken direct to the CT scanner. The doctor performing the video triage will undertake a clinical handover to the receiving Stroke Team, to initiate the pathway and CT scan. You will need to pre-alert resus as per the Stroke Video Triage pathway with your ETA.

On arrival at Queens, you will be met by the Stroke Team and take the patient directly to the CT scanner on the ambulance trolley.

If you have not yet completed your Stroke Video Triage training please follow this [link](#) to complete it or scan the QR code below.

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