

**PAPERLESS**

**30th**

March 2018



Paper referrals switch off

After 30 March 2018, new referrals from GPs for consultant-led appointments at Northampton and Kettering General Hospitals need to be made digitally using the

**NHS eReferral Service (eRS)\***

Any referrals sent by post after that date will be returned.

\*some exemptions apply

## Benefits

### Patient choice



Appointment date and time

Hospital or specialist



### Patient experience



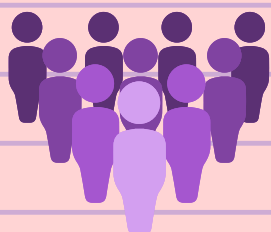
Fewer inappropriate referrals

Shorter referral to treatment times



### More efficient system

Cost and time savings for GPs practices and hospitals



## Need extra help?

Most GP practices are already making their referrals using the eRS system. If you need support to go fully digital, there's a range of educational tools and support information on the training section of the NHS e-Referral Service website:

[www.digital.nhs.uk](http://www.digital.nhs.uk)