**GPs being asked to check results on Portal - Paragraph which may be appropriate to insert into letters to Secondary Care colleagues.**

**Re: Inappropriate Delegation – Test Results**

It is not appropriate to delegate this clinical responsibility to the GP.

General Medical Council and BMA advice in this area is very clear. The clinician who orders a test is responsible for receiving and acting upon the results once available.

Dr David Stewart, Lead Director for Acute wrote to doctors recently about the use of Clinical Portal by GPs. He said:-

“*As you will know, access to the Clinical Portal has been extended to General Practitioners. We envisage that this will improve information sharing between secondary and primary care. For avoidance of doubt, this initiative is not intended to shift the onus for checking results etc. on to GPs. The clear position remains that the requesting clinician is responsible for acting on results of tests unless another arrangement has been explicitly agreed. This should not result in any shift of workload*.”