Suspected Sarcoma Fast track Referral

All referral forms should include prompts for the referring GP to cover the following points with the patient prior to the referral, ideally in the form of tick boxes which require confirmation of discussion with the patient before the referral can be processed:

- Has it been explained to the patient that this referral is for investigations that could lead to a cancer diagnosis?
- Have you checked that the patient will be available in the next 14 days to attend an appointment?
- Have you provided the patient with further information about the appointment (a leaflet is recommended)
- Check patient’s contact details are up to date

Bone Sarcoma

2WW referral in adults with:
- X ray that suggests possibility of bone sarcoma
In a child or young people this should be an appointment within 48 hours.

Consider very urgent x ray [within 48 hours] in any child or young person with unexplained:
- Bone swelling, or
- Bone pain

Soft Tissue Sarcoma

2WW referral for adults with:
- Ultrasound scan findings suggestive of soft tissue sarcoma, or
- Ultrasound scan findings that are uncertain and clinical concern persists
In children and young people this should be within 48 hours.

Consider urgent ultrasound scan [within 2 weeks] adults with:
- Unexplained lump which is increasing in size
In children and young adults this should be within 48 hours.