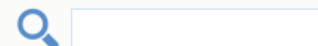




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Hospital consultants warned after bouncing suspected cancer cases back to GPs...

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An NHS England local area team has had to contact hospital clinicians about their referral practice after GPs raised the alarm that patients with suspected cancer were being 'bounced' back for re-referral...

“ *Dr Nigel Watson, chief executive of Wessex LMC, that such a pattern was being observed across the south coast of England.*

He said: 'It's happening sporadically, but in more than one hospital. So GPs have got quite frustrated... I think what's happened is that, in the past, to try and stop inter-consultant referrals, there was quite a heavy hand to stop this happening, and then some consultants believe that they weren't allowed to refer.'

Dr Watson added: 'It is a complete waste of time, because somebody is seeing the patient, thinking they might have cancer, then bouncing them back to the practice to write the letter. So it's a delay for the patient, and it's just unnecessary and the person seeing the patient has got all the details they need.'

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