

**Patient Initiated Follow-Up (PIFU)**

 **Clinical Protocol for Gynaecology, including EPU/AGU and Gynaecology Oncology**

**1) Introduction:**

* This protocol is a general description of patients with the above condition who are agreed by the clinicians to be suitable for PIFU.
* Any decision to place a patient on a patient initiated follow-up (PIFU) pathway is ultimately at the discretion of the clinician.
* PIFU is not to be used where patients would otherwise previously have been discharged

**2) Patient cohort/selection criteria:**

* All gynaecology patients could be eligible

**3) Exclusion criteria:**

* Ongoing management of gynae oncology patients/those on a planned follow up pathway
* Patients where their condition is unstable
* Patient lacks capacity to be able to manage their own condition independently
* Patients who would have difficulty accessing the service
* Poor attenders/repeated DNA’s
* The clinician has concerns about safeguarding for the patient

**4) Timeframe for patient to stay on PIFU pathway:**

* Maximum of 12 months
* Oncology: 5 years

**5) Key symptoms that should trigger a follow-up appointment request:**

* Dependent on condition

**6a) Ideal waiting time between initiating an appointment and seeing a clinician:**

* Urgent/emergency to be seen same day within AGU
* Routine patients would be given next available appointment

**6b) Maximum waiting time:**

* Next available appointment

**7) Clinicians who can allocate to PIFU:**

* Consultants or doctors/nurses working under their supervision
* Nursing staff in EPU or AGU

**8) Note to be added to the bottom of the clinic letter to the GP:**

This patient has been allocated a patient initiated follow up (PIFU) and can request a further follow up appointment by contacting Central Booking on **01722 345543** valid for the next**12months**.

Date:

Review date: