

## Patient information

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Radiology Department – Imaging

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It has been known for some time that X-rays of the lower back are generally not helpful in identifying the cause of back pain or how best to manage back pain. This type of X-ray also involves a high radiation dose because of this, the decision was taken to stop performing this test unless the pain is due to trauma.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you during this period of implementing this change.

The majority of low back pain does not require imaging tests (X-rays, scans).

We will send a report to your doctor explaining why the X-ray has not been performed and you should discuss any further treatment with your family doctor (GP).

If you have any further questions, or require further information please contact your GP.

#### **Feedback**

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Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

#### **Further Information**

**If you have any further questions, or require further information please contact your GP.**

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