**Referral form update**

The Connect service have taken action to make changes to their referral form. This was in response to feedback about it previously being lengthy to complete and to help reduce the number of incomplete referrals being received.

The form has been condensed down from 14 pages to just 3 pages. This means the guidelines for referrers now needs to be accessed separately and is no longer part of the form (a hyperlink to this has been added to the start of the form to account for this).

Text boxes can be made larger to allow for the desired amount of information to be written by the referrer.

**Please be aware that Connect need to be in receipt of bloods and ECG from the past 4 weeks. Referrals will not be processed without these up-to-date investigations attached and will be returned to referrer.**

**It is also important to note that in the clinical information section, where the form asks for information on bingeing, purging, laxative misuse and overexercising, the frequency of these behaviours MUST be complete, or the referral will not be accepted.**

Connect are hopeful that the condensed referral form will save time and effort for referrers.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will accept referrals using the old form until 31st July 2023 to ensure a smooth transition over to the new form. Thereafter, referrals will NEED to be submitted using this new form, else they will be returned.**

Thank you.