

RefTweets - June 2026

TIA/Stroke Hotline number relocated to intranet page. For mobile & tab users we recommend saving the number if you cannot access the intranet.

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/guidelines/neurology/transientischaemicattacktiaandstroke/>

New to RefHelp? Please watch this video on how RefHelp can assist you here:

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/about-us/>

New feature on RefHelp website - One click to 'Report a Problem' making it easier to report issues and is accessible from any page across the website.

Update to First Seizure Clinic Referrals: Please note that you no longer need to phone to book an appointment. Instead, email DCN Outpatients to request the next available slot, and state the appointment date and time in your SCI Gateway referral. See

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/guidelines/neurology/firstseizuresandepilepsy/> for full details

When arranging semen analysis - please advise the patient to contact Edinburgh Fertility Services within 3 mths of referral & let the patient know it takes 2 wks for test results to come through and to contact the GP, and NOT the lab, for those:

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/guidelines/fertilityreproductive-endocrinology/semenanalysis/>

New page on Recurrent Infections added to Medical Paediatrics section outlining warning signs for immunodeficiency, clinical decision algorithm, and referral guidelines:

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/recurrent-infections/>

Brand new page on Cancer in children & young people added to RefHelp with an aim to support early diagnosis of paediatric cancers. The page includes assessment, clinical features as per the recently updated national guidance & clear referral advice:

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/cancercyp/>

Recently changed fertility treatment guidelines - female partner being referred must have a BMI ≤ 35 at point of referral. Please note different treatments have different BMI access criteria & there are new criteria for immediate/urgent referral. See:

<https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/fertilityreproductive-endocrinology/>

Coeliac testing & interpretation of results - UPDATED ADVICE (18th June 2026) gives a new tTG-IgA range due to a change in method. Please always follow the interpretative comments attached to the result. Check RefHelp for details: <https://apps.nhsllothian.scot/refhelp/>