## THE ROTHERHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – ACUTE TIA PATHWAY (VERSION 2, JUNE 2012)

### **TIA SYMPTOMS** (see other important information in Proforma)

- Limbs/face weakness or incoordination
- Unilateral Sensory Loss or Numbness
- Speech Slurring (dysarthria) or Loss (dysphasia)
- Monocular Visual Loss
- ALL SYMPTOMS MUST HAVE RESOLVED WITHIN 24 HOURS. IF PRESENT FOLLOW STROKE PATHWAY

### REFERRING DOCTOR ASSESSMENT

- Please complete the TIA REFERRAL PROFORMA (Including Medication Section)
- Enter date and time of symptom onset if known
- Complete ABCD<sup>2</sup> Information in the Proforma
- Inform Patient of Provisional diagnosis AND offer lifestyle and DVLA advice as appropriate
- FAX PROFORMA TO 01709 424116 FOR ALL TIA REFERRALS
- FOR ABCD SCORE 4 OR GREATER, OR OTHER CLINICAL CONCERNS, TEL 01709 428228
  IF PATIENT IS PRESENT IN A&E OR GP OFFICE

Stroke Specialist Nurse/Coordinator receives Proforma and for high risk patients arranges appointment and contacts patient or carer with details and instructions. Appointments for other TIA categories arranged by Contact Centre.

#### **HIGH RISK TIA**

- ABCD score 4 or greater
- Crescendo TIA
- Atrial Fibrillation

# APPOINTED AND SEEN IN HIGH RISK TIA CLINICS WITHIN 24 HOURS BY SPECIALIST NURSE OR STROKE DOCTOR

- Clinical assessment and confirm diagnosis
- Investigations Blood tests, ECG, CT/MRI brain scans, Carotids USS and if appropriate CXR, echocardiogram request
- Treatment and medication review
- Information and Advice
- If seen by Specialist Nurse on weekend patient recalled for consultant review in 24-48 hours
- Referrals to other appropriate specialties or professionals

# APPOINTED TO TIA CLINIC WITHIN 7 DAYS AND SEEN BY STROKE DOCTOR

- Clinical assessment/Diagnosis
- Investigations (as for High Risk TIA)
- Treatment and Medication Review
- Information and Advice
- Referral to other appropriate specialties or professional disciplines

**OTHER TIAS** 

## NOTES:

- 1 TIA Clinic documentation will be entered in the same standard proforma for all assessments, and a standard clinic outcome GP letter prepared.
- 2 Following first attendance TIA patients will be offered review Follow-up appointments in 4 weeks, or earlier depending on clinical need, unless Stroke Consultant determines NOT necessary.