



Woman, Child and Family Service - Paediatrics
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Re: faecal calprotectin

Thank you for your referral with concerns regarding a raised faecal calprotectin. Faecal calprotectin is a non-specific marker and can be elevated for a variety of reasons including recent NSAID use. For this reason we do not routinely recommend ordering this test unless history, examination and baseline bloods (full blood count and ESR / CRP) are highly suggestive of underlying gastro-intestinal pathology. We would not recommend investigating a calprotectin unless it was over 300 (with no recent NSAID use) or there are red flags on history and/or examination.

There are no red flag mentioned in your letter so we have not arranged a paediatric appointment at this stage. We would recommend ongoing clinical review and re-referring if ongoing concerns. Please contact the Paediatric team if you would like to discuss this advice further.

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Yours sincerely

Electronically checked and approved

Paediatric Grading Team