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Dear Colleagues,

We are seeing a notable increase in both active and latent tuberculosis (TB) cases across Leeds. We're asking for your support in maintaining a high level of clinical awareness, particularly in primary care settings.

Please Think TB when assessing patients, especially those who may be at increased risk.
At-risk groups include:

- Individuals born in or who have spent time in high TB prevalence countries
- People who are immunocompromised (e.g. HIV, diabetes, or on immunosuppressive therapy)
- Those with a history of close contact with active TB cases
- People experiencing homelessness or insecure housing
- Individuals with a history of substance misuse

If you're concerned about TB:

Active TB
Refer urgently via the Leeds TB pathway. TB (Suspected Tuberculosis) in Primary Care and ED

- Suspected pulmonary TB patients are usually seen within one week, and extrapulmonary TB within two weeks.
- Referrals can be made to the Leeds Chest Clinic at Leeds General Infirmary leedsth-tr.Leedschestclinic@nhs.net mailto:

Latent TB Screening

- Please refer eligible patients to the Leeds Community TB Service via email: tbhealthvisitingservice@nhs.net.
- Patients are eligible if they meet ALL of the following criteria:
    - born or spent more than 6 months in a high TB incidence country (≥150/100,000 or Sub-Saharan Africa)
    - entered the UK within the last 5 years (including entry via other countries)
    - no previous history of TB or LTBI

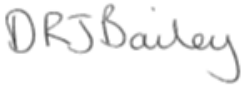
- not previously screened for LTBI in the UK
- The TB team will arrange screening and follow-up. Tuberculosis (TB) - Leeds Community Healthcare

Contact Tracing

- This is initiated and managed by the Leeds Community TB Service once a case is confirmed.
- They will coordinate screening for household and close contacts.
- For any queries, please contact tbhealthvisitingservice@nhs.net or 0113 843 4344

We appreciate your continued support in helping us manage and contain TB in the community. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please contact either the Leeds TB Service or the Public Health Team.

Yours sincerely



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