

Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs)

CDCs provide a broad range of checks, scans, and tests away from our major hospital sites such as Manchester Royal Infirmary, Wythenshawe Hospital and North Manchester General Hospital. This not only reduces pressure on our hospitals, but provides our patients with access to appointments with shorter waiting times and at times that are more convenient for them – such as evenings and weekends. Thanks to the additional testing capacity within the community that CDCs provide, we're able to diagnose issues earlier, reduce health inequalities, and improve health outcomes for our patients.

What Services will be Available?

Imaging – scans including X-Rays and ultrasounds

Cardiology – heart diagnostic tests such as echocardiograms

Respiratory – lung tests

Pathology – blood testing

Endoscopy – tests to look inside your body including colonoscopies

Ophthalmology – Eye tests including retinal imaging

Where are the CDCs located?

Additional testing capacity is currently being delivered at Withington Community Hospital and Trafford General Hospital and from January 2024 there will be a CDC in Harpurhey, North Manchester.

What are the benefits of our CDCs?

- Patients are able to have multiple tests on the same day in the same place, providing more convenient access to diagnostic tests.
- Disease can be diagnosed at an earlier stage of progression, improving the chances of successful treatment.
- Earlier diagnosis of both cancer and cardio-respiratory disease, resulting in improved outcomes for patients.
- A contribution to the NHS' net zero ambitions. By providing multiple tests at one visit, this will reduce the number of patient journeys and carbon emissions and air pollution.
- Patients will have access to some of the most advanced diagnostic technology available to the NHS.
- Waiting times for appointments are shorter.

How can patients access our CDC's

Your GP or hospital care team will refer you for your required diagnostic test, at which point you will be able to select the most convenient location for you - this may be a CDC.

The CDC provides an additional choice for patients, and doesn't replace any existing appointment options, so you may wish to have your appointment at a CDC, your GP surgery, or another MFT hospital site.

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