



CDC Newsletter

December 23 - January 24



Successful local inclusive recruitment initiative ahead of North Manchester CDC opening

We have had a busy month and are pleased to say we have **successfully recruited 26 new members of staff** to join our North Manchester Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC), which is due to open in Harpurhey in early 2024.

The successful recruitment drive was thanks to two inclusive recruitment days held at the Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project, a community venue situated within the heart of the Harpurhey community.



The event was run within the community to attract local people to come and work at MFT, and we saw an incredible 129 people attend to apply for four different roles:

- Community Care Diagnostics Navigators
- Trainee Healthcare Scientist Diagnostic Assistants
- Radiology Department Assistants
- Radiology Receptionists

All successful and unsuccessful candidates were called and provided with feedback within 48 hours, and feedback from those that attended was really positive, with candidates finding the event informative, friendly, and enjoyable.

We were interviewed on the day and found out if we were successful within 48 hours - that is so good!

Recruitment Event Attendee

We are looking forward to welcoming our 26 new starters (all local North Manchester residents), in January for their induction programme.

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Equalities Fund Recipients support in the creation of multi-language resources

Our Equalities Fund groups have been developing some great resources, videos and information brochures for our CDC programme.

Why not take a look at these by [clicking here \(https://mft.nhs.uk/community/community-diagnostic-centres-cdc/community-diagnostic-centre-resources/\)](https://mft.nhs.uk/community/community-diagnostic-centres-cdc/community-diagnostic-centre-resources/) to find out more about the CDC and our plans at North Manchester. Resources are available in Polish, Arabic, Urdu and Mandarin!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Respiratory

About Respiratory Diagnostics

The respiratory system is the set of organs that makes it possible for us to breathe and exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide throughout the body. This consists of the nose, nasal passages, lungs, pharynx, larynx, trachea, and bronchi. Respiratory medicine deals with a vast range of diseases and conditions affecting these parts of the body.

Our Withington CDC respiratory diagnostic tests are delivered by our North-West Lung Centre team of Healthcare Scientists. **The North-West Lung Centre at MFT is an internationally renowned specialist centre for the treatment of respiratory conditions and allergies, the largest in the UK.**



CDC Respiratory Tests

At the CDC we provide a range of respiratory tests to help diagnose respiratory conditions:

- **Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO)**

This simple test measures the amount of Exhaled Nitrous Oxide in a single breath out, and helps to confirm whether you have asthma or whether your asthma needs more treatment.

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- **Spirometry**

Spirometry is the term given to basic lung function tests that measure the air that is expired and inspired. This test measures the volumes and speed of the air you can blow out from your lungs and will give the doctor an indication of how clear the airways are in your lungs.

- **Bronchodilator Responsiveness**
- **Pulse Oximetry**
- **Gas transfer measurement**

Improving access to respiratory diagnostics through the CDC

After the success of opening up a GP direct access referral pathway for respiratory testing for GPs on South Manchester ICE in August, we have recently extended this access to Trafford GP's. **We plan to extend this direct access referral pathway for all GPs across Manchester in 2024.**

Hear from our CDC Respiratory Team

Our respiratory clinics are run by our experienced, friendly and caring team. This includes our Healthcare Science Practitioner (HSP) Jemma Oliver who said:

“By having these CDCs within the local community, it provides easier and more convenient access for our patients. With this increase in accessibility, it helps identify any problems sooner, allowing for quicker diagnosis and starting appropriate treatments.”

Adam Rathbone, also a HSP, said: **“The CDC will make diagnostic tests more accessible to patients and GP's alike. As these services develop, this has great potential to improve patient care, making it a really exciting project for staff to be involved in.”**

Trainee HSP Cameron Park added:

“For some patients, this is their first diagnostic test in this environment. I make sure that this initial point of contact gives them the support and comfort they need for their journey ahead.”

The North Manchester CDC respiratory and sleep diagnostic tests will be delivered by our North Manchester General Hospital team from early 2024.



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