



## **Withington Community Diagnostic Centre**

### **What is Withington Community Diagnostic Centre or CDC?**

Withington Community Hospital is the CDC Hub and work is ongoing to build a large extension to the rear of WCH to provide a purpose-built space for the CDC.

### **What do they do?**

The CDC makes it quicker and easier to get certain scan, diagnostic tests and assessments done locally. The tests they do at the Withington Community Hospital Community Diagnostic centre are:

- **Imaging** - scans including CT, MR, NOUS, X-ray and DEXA (From Jan 2024)
- **Endoscopy** – (Colonoscopy, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, Gastroscopy) – this is a test where you will have a very small camera put in your mouth. The doctors want to see if your throat and gut is healthy.
- **Respiratory** - lung function testing (Spirometry, FeNo, Pulse Oximetry)
- **Respiratory** - sleep studies.

- **Cardiology testing** (Echo, ECG, Ambulatory testing) – checking your heart and how well it works.
- **Phlebotomy** – getting a sample of your blood.

## **Why has this CDC centre been set up?**

- To help you to get a number of diagnostic tests, scans and assessments quicker. This can help you to get the treatment you might need more quickly and / or closer to your home.
- To make it easier for you if you face barriers to getting diagnostic tests, checks and scans done.
- To assess your illness earlier and treat you quickly, so you can get better faster.
- To reduce your waiting times for an appointment.

## **How do get your test, scan or check done at this centre?**

- Your G.P. or hospital will make a referral.

## **How do they make things accessible for d/Deaf and disabled people?**

The Care Navigators based at the Community Diagnostic Centre will support with access to

- British Sign Language Interpreters.
- Lip speakers.
- Accessible parking at the site.
- Information about how to get there by bus, tram or taxi or if someone is taking you there.
- Provide information about the CDC in accessible formats.
- Information about what test, scan or check they are having in accessible formats (audio, Braille, British Sign Language, Easy Read, Large Print).
- Provide advice on who can accompany you to your appointment.
- Arrange appointments at quieter times of the day, like evenings and weekends and a quiet space to sit.

## **Who can I speak to about it?**

Contact the CDC on email  
[community.diagnostics@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:community.diagnostics@mft.nhs.uk)

A Care Navigator will get back to you and will explain all about the CDC and help to make sure your access needs are met.

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