



# 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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