Community Diagnostic Centres

We know patients benefit from earlier diagnostic tests for a range of conditions, with reduced awaiting times and centres closer to home.

**Community Diagnostic Centres (CDC) are open and available now for patients at Lymington New Forest, Hythe and Romsey Hospitals**.

GP’s and members of their MDT can refer direct to a range of diagnostics including endoscopy.

The centres will help to achieve:

* Earlier diagnoses for patients through easier, faster, and more direct access



to the full range of diagnostic tests needed to understand patients’

symptoms including breathlessness, cancer, ophthalmology

* A reduction in waits by diverting patients away from hospitals, allowing

them to treat urgent patients, while the community diagnostic centres focus

in tackling the backlog

* A contribution to the NHS’s net zero ambitions by providing multiple tests at

one visit, reducing the number of patient journeys and helping to cut carbon

emissions and air pollution

Waiting times are low, and the centres across the south-west are easier for people to access with adequate parking available.

The new building in Hythe will have Xray facilities in January 2023, it already has non-obstetric ultrasound and spirometry. We are also working on e-referral to simplify the process further.

There will have been an additional 51,486 diagnostic tests undertaken in 21/22.

We would love you to get involved in this improvement programme if you have an interest, please contact Su Harvey at su.harvey@southernhealth.nhs.uk.

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| Diagnostic Test | **Average Wait in Weeks** | **How to refer** | **Sites provided** |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging  (direct access with some limitations based on Consultant triage) | **3.2** | SHFT Radiology Referral form e-mailed to [RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington |
| Computer Tomography | **1.9** | SHFT Radiology Referral form e-mailed to [RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington |
| Non-obstetric ultrasound | **2.2** | SHFT Radiology Referral form e-mailed to [radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington, Romsey and Hythe |
| DEXA Scan | **1.9** | SHFT DEXA scan request e-mailed to [radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington |
| Fluoroscopy | **3.1** | upper GI/ barium swallows direct access  SHFT Radiology Referral form e-mailed to  [RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:RADOFFICE@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington |
| Plain Film X Ray (Radiology) | **1.6** | SHFT Radiology Referral form e-mailed to [radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:radoffice@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington and Romsey |
| Spirometry/FENO | **5.9** | SHFT Open Access Spirometry Referral Form via eRS  LNFH 7981704  Hythe 7981705 | Lymington and Hythe |
| Cardiology - echocardiography | **2.9** | Via eRS  LNFH 142401 | Lymington |
| Cardiac Monitoring 24 Hour Tape | **3.7** | Via eRS  LNFH 7947761 | Lymington |
| ENT Nasendoscopies | **3.8** | Via eRS  All sites 7981230 | Lymington, Romsey and Hythe |
| Colonoscopy | **4.0** | Not open access but GP’s can refer to the gastro service on eRS | Lymington |
| Flexi sigmoidoscopy | **3.7** | Not open access but GP’s can refer to the gastro service on eRS | Lymington |
| Gastroscopy  (*The only exclusions for this service are:- Suspected Upper GI cancer, patients who are under 18 years old or pregnant, or patients with suspected upper GI bleeding or requiring a therapeutic dilatation and patients who may require general anaesthesia)* | **4.0** | Direct Access OGD request form – e-mailed to  [lymingtonendoscopy@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:lymingtonendoscopy@southernhealth.nhs.uk) | Lymington |