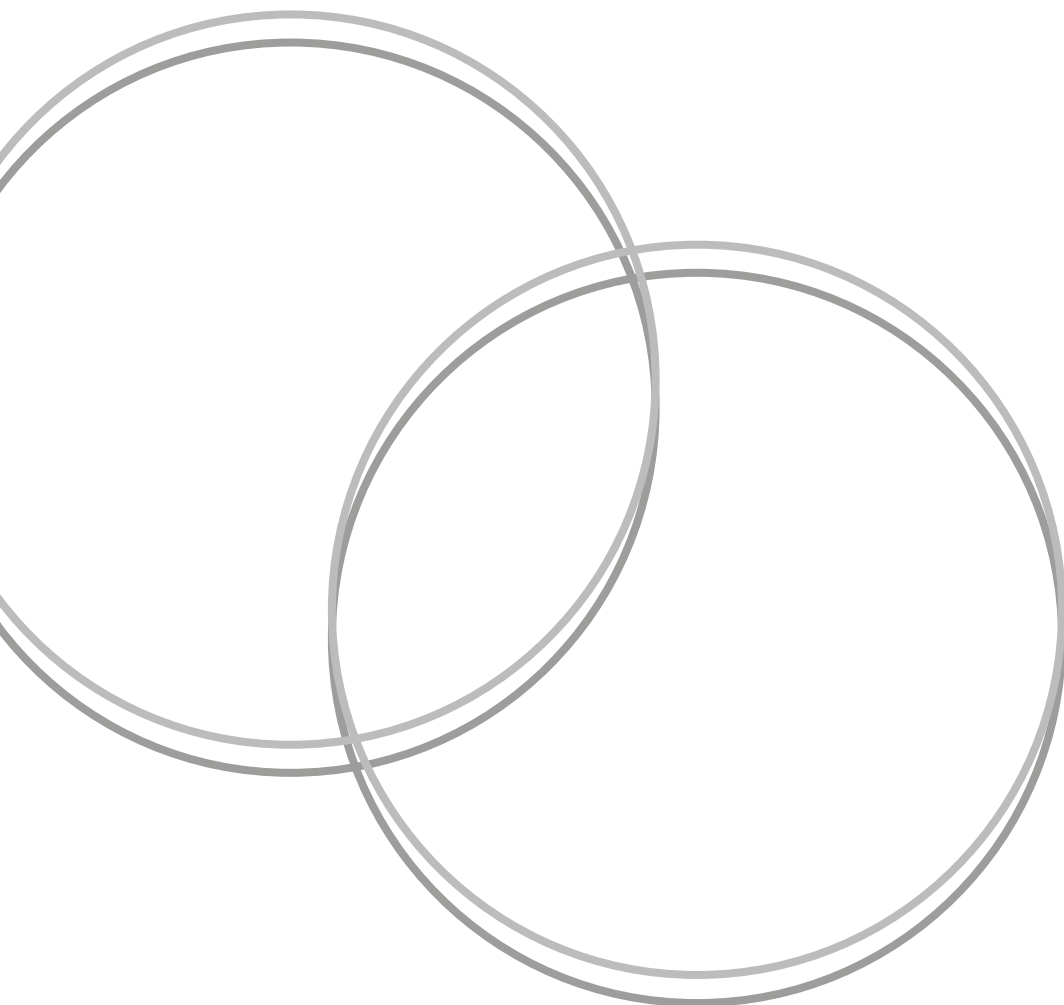


Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service (REDS)

Information leaflet



This is a leaflet that explains the role of the Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service.

You have been referred to the Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service (REDS) because you have had respiratory symptoms, or imaging tests that showed some abnormalities on your chest or lungs. Our aim is to support you through a diagnostic pathway: further tests may be required to confirm or exclude lung cancer, or other respiratory conditions. We aim to do this as quickly as possible to help you through this time.

You may receive a written notification about being referred to the "Respiratory Urgent Suspected Cancer" service, which is the equivalent of the previously known 2 week wait pathway. It only means you should be seen and investigations performed quickly.

Who is the Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service team?

The REDS team consists of:

- Respiratory consultants.
- Clinical fellows and Registrars.
- Specialist nurses.
- Clinical navigators.
- Consultant radiologists.
- Administrative team members.

What can the Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service offer me?

- Clinical consultation after your initial referral.
- Diagnostic tests.
- Information about procedures you may need.
- Advice and support during your diagnostic pathway.
- Contact details to provide a prompt response to your concerns.
- Information about other specialities you may be referred to.
- Advice on how to stop smoking.

What tests might happen next?

We try to arrange some tests on the same day when you attend the first clinic appointment, so we may ask you to arrive at a certain time and then wait in between appointments. This will allow the doctors to have more clinical information to make a plan that could save you multiple journeys to the hospital.

Here is a list of tests that may happen when you first come to meet us:

- Blood tests.
- Imaging tests (chest X-ray or CT scan).
- Lung function test.
- Ultrasound.

We then may arrange further investigations for you, such as:

- Specific blood tests for detection of cancer cells.
- Imaging tests of various areas of your body:
 - CT scan (Computed Tomography).
 - PET scan (Positron Emission Tomography).
 - MRI scan (Magnetic Resonance Imaging).
- Biopsies:
 - Bronchoscopy.
 - Image guided biopsy (i.e. ultrasound or CT guided biopsy).
 - Pleural aspiration or pleural biopsies.

If you do not need any immediate investigations, we may offer you a further follow up appointment instead.

We may contact you by telephone between tests to let you know of additional tests required or the “next steps”. This can help us ensure your pathway moves as quickly as possible.

Where should I go for my initial appointment?

The REDS clinic is located at the Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre in Cowley (Perspectum).

Address:

Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC)

Gemini One
5520 John Smith Drive
Oxford Business Park
Cowley
Oxford OX4 2LL

Bus stop:

There are two bus stops on or close to the Oxford Business Park, they are located on the main Garsington Road and Barns Road. Access to the Oxford Business Park from the Barns Road bus stop is through a footpath on Boswell Close.

Parking:

Free patient parking available on site.

What should I expect at the end of my investigations?

Once all your investigations are completed, we will discuss your case at the lung multidisciplinary meeting (lung MDT). The MDT consists of specialist healthcare professionals who, together, make recommendations and decide on the best individual advice and treatment plan for each patient.

You will then receive a respiratory follow up appointment. It could be either at the Churchill Hospital or at the Horton General Hospital.

How do I contact the team?

We are based at the Churchill Hospital. We can be contacted by phone or email:

Telephone: **01865 226 121**

Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Our phone number has a confidential answerphone where messages can be left. Messages left after a certain time may not be responded until the following working day. We aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

If you are contacting us for urgent medical advice, please seek the usual on call medical services such as GP and 111.

Email: respiratoryearlydiagnosticservice@ouh.nhs.uk

What if I am still smoking?

We encourage every smoker to stop.

We will offer you a referral to “Here for Health”, an OUH health promotion service. They will call you and explore the available support options.

Otherwise, you can contact the “Community Smoking Cessation Service” at your convenience:

Website: stopforlifeoxon.org

Telephone: **0800 1223790**

Text: STOPOXON to 60777

Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

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