



BLOOD TESTS REQUESTED AT HOSPITAL

We are often asked by secondary care (usually in Hospitals) to undertake blood tests on behalf of consultants, outpatient departments and wards, at our medical centres. This is something we are happy to do as it is often easier for our patients and reduces unnecessary travel.

However, we are only able to undertake these bloods tests under certain conditions, which are in the Community Phlebotomy Local Enhanced Service, agreed between local acute Trusts and, therefore, essential.

There are 2 things that must be in place before we can take your blood for other care providers.

1. Each patient must be responsible for making the blood test appointment requested by secondary care. We cannot do this on your behalf.
2. Each patient must come to the appointment with the appropriate 'form' or printed labels provided by secondary care. This ensures the correct tests are done and ensures the results go back to the right place – the person who has requested it. This is important for on-going patient care and to remove any delay in follow-up.

If you need to request a form or labels, the RDUH Community Phlebotomy Service can be contacted on **01395 519922**.

