

## Respiratory Department

# Lung Fast Diagnosis Pathway

## You have had a chest X-ray because your GP felt that your symptoms needed further investigation.

An abnormality has been seen on your chest X-ray and there are many conditions that this abnormality could be linked to.

We are putting you on the 'lung fast diagnosis pathway' so that we can quickly exclude a serious condition. For this reason, you will be "fast tracked" for further tests.

Our Lung team will have phoned you by the end of the next working day following your chest x-ray and asked you some questions about your symptoms. It's likely that you'll be asked to come back to the hospital for a blood test and a CT scan within 3 days of your chest x-ray.

## Blood test

You may be asked to have a blood test to make sure it is safe for you to have further investigations, should you need them.

➔ If you are having a CT scan and have been told you need a blood test, please come to the Blood Test room in Main Outpatients three hours before your CT scan. This gives us enough time to process your blood test and ensure it's safe for you to have a CT scan.

The blood test may also help us identify what is causing your symptoms, even if you don't need a CT scan at this stage.

## CT scan

A CT scan will give us a detailed picture of your lungs and is the starting point to diagnose the abnormality.

You will be given your appointment date and time by the Lung team.

## What happens after the CT scan?

You will be able to go straight home after your CT scan. The CT scan will be reviewed by a team of specialists and the outcome will be communicated to you and your GP by letter.

You will also receive a call from our Clinical Nurse Specialist to give you more information about the outcome within a week.

There are a number of possible outcomes:

- You may have nothing to worry about and you will be discharged back to your GP.
- You may have symptoms that need to be reviewed by a chest (respiratory) doctor and we will arrange and appointment for you.
- You may have a number of other appointments over the next few days. It's important to make sure you can attend all of these and let us know if you can't. This is so that we can inform you of your diagnosis as quickly as possible.

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## For more information

### More information about having a blood test can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/blood-tests/>

### More information about CT scans can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ct-scan/>

## How to contact us

### Fast Diagnosis Lung Line

07801 975 399

#### Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS)

PALS can provide information, advice and support to patients and relatives and will listen to and act on your concerns, suggestions or queries.

**020 8934 3993**

[khft.pals@nhs.net](mailto:khft.pals@nhs.net)

#### Accessible information

We are actively working to make our patient information easier to read and accessible in a range of formats. If you would like this information in large print, audio or electronic format please speak to a member of staff in the department. If you need a different format, please let us know and we will do our best to meet your request

#### Pastoral & Spiritual Support Services

We offer a multi-cultural approach serving people of all faiths and life philosophies. A Duty Chaplain is available 24/7. You can request to speak to a Church of England or Roman Catholic Priest, the Rabbi or Imam.

**Please call the hospital switchboard on 020 8546 7711 and ask to speak to the Duty Chaplain.**

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