What to do when your child has an investigation

Community Paediatrics
Information for parent of children seen in the Child Development Centre or Community Clinics

Blood Tests
Blood tests will be arranged with the clerk at the Child Development Centre. A clinic is held monthly in Clinic 6, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge. You will be sent a letter or be telephoned with a date and time to come.

The blood tests are taken by the specially trained paediatric phlebotomists with the help of the clinic nurses. They will usually use 'cold spray' to numb the skin before doing the test with a small needle. You are able to stay with your child at all times.

Depending on the test it may take several days or weeks to get the test results back. Most blood test results are available within two weeks but genetic tests (e.g. microarray, fragile X, chromosomes) may take up to two months. We will write to you when we have them. Please phone if you have not received the results after an appropriate time.

X-ray
The X-ray is booked on the system at Addenbrooke’s Hospital. We will let you know when it has been booked and you can then contact the X-ray department on 01223 216270 to arrange a suitable time during Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Please ring us when your child has had the X-ray and your doctor will then look for the result. We will write to you when we have the results.

MRI scan
MRI scans are booked by the MRI department and they will send you an appointment date and time. Depending on your child it may be necessary to arrange sedation or an anaesthetic to carry out the test. Please ring us when your child has had the scan and your doctor will then look for the result. We will write to you when we have the results.

Ultra Sound Scan
The scan is booked by the Ultra Sound Department and you will be sent a letter with a time and date to come. The department is on level 3, Addenbrooke’s Hospital. Please ring us when your child has had the scan and your doctor will then look for the results. We will write to you when we have the results.
Please contact us

We will do all we can to ensure prompt arrangements for your child’s test.

However If you have any concerns that you have not received an appointment or result or wish to discuss the test further please contact us on the number below:

School Age Community Patients

Community Paediatrics
The Peacock Centre
Brookfield’s Hospital
Tel: 01223 218072

Child Development Centre Patients

CDC, Addenbrooke’s Hospital
Tel: 01223 21662
For further information about this service contact:

Community Paediatrics
The Peacock Centre
Brookfields Campus
351 Mill Road
Cambridge
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Tel: 01223 218072

Email: ccs-tr.communitypaediatricssouth@nhs.net

If you require this information in a different format such as in large print or on audio tape, or in a different language please contact the service on the details above.

If you have any compliments about this service or suggestions for improvements, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0300 131 1000 (charges may apply depending on your network) or email: ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net.

For free, confidential health advice and information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year please contact NHS 111.