

Media Statement

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Phlebotomy services in the South Cotswolds

Changes were made to blood testing services across Gloucestershire to improve the quality and equity of the service. Following patient feedback, the NHS is looking to improve and strengthen service arrangements further.

GP surgery blood tests

In the South Cotswolds, as elsewhere in the county, GP surgeries are now providing blood testing services for patients when the surgery requires this.

For many patients, having the test carried out at their GP surgery is more convenient and there is more certainty around appointments. GP surgeries are receiving additional funds to do this and surgery staff have received additional training. At present, safety and social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19 may mean that it takes longer than usual to get an appointment.

Outpatient appointment blood tests

During October, there is a bookable blood testing clinic at Cirencester Hospital every week on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 8.30am - 12.00pm. This service is available for patients who need to have blood tests as part of their consultant outpatient care.

From 1 November, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust take over this service and will be providing blood tests for patients aged 16 and over whose consultant orders one.

Patients will be able to book their appointment by telephoning 0300 421 6215, Monday – Friday between 9am and 3pm. This telephone number will go live on 21 October 2020.

There are plans to extend the service further and details will be provided in due course.

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