

7 new community diagnostic centres to offer more patients life-saving checks

- More than 1.7 million tests, checks and scans have already been delivered by the 92 existing community diagnostic centres
- GP referrals to community diagnostic centres speed up diagnosis times by offering tests closer to home, eliminating unnecessary hospital trips

Seven new community diagnostic centres (CDCs) will open to help bust the COVID backlogs, diagnose patients more quickly and meet future demands on the NHS, the Health and Social Care Secretary has today (1 September 2022) confirmed.

The one-stop shops offer a range of diagnostic checks, scans and tests closer to home. Following a GP referral, patients can get their symptoms checked and receive a potentially life-saving diagnosis for a range of conditions such as cancer, heart and lung disease more quickly. The new facilities will also relieve pressure on NHS staff ahead of a potentially challenging winter.

So far, 92 have already opened in a variety of settings from football stadiums to shopping centres – carrying out over 1.7 million tests. This forms part of the government's ambition to roll out 160 community diagnostic centres across the country by 2025 to deliver 9 million tests, checks and scans a year, with the programme backed by £2.3 billion of diagnostics investment.

CDCs reduce the number of hospital visits and reduce waiting times for patients by diverting people away from hospitals – so hospitals can focus on treating urgent patients while the diagnostic centres focus on tackling the backlog for tests and checks. They are more convenient for patients and more efficient, with patients less likely to have their tests cancelled.

The new CDCs will be rolled out in:

- Eltham in south east London
- Lancashire
- Leigh in Greater Manchester
- St Albans
- Willesden and Wembley in north west London

Health and Social Care Secretary Steve Barclay said:

Since taking on the role of Health and Social Care Secretary, I have been focused on clearing the COVID backlog and waiting times. Community diagnostic centres are a vital part of our plan to transform the way we deliver tests, scans and x-rays and ultimately reduce waiting times for patients.

Along with speeding up diagnosis times, they will also help tackle

health disparities – ensuring that people get treated as quickly as possible no matter where they live, with new centres opening from Essex to Manchester.

NHS national director of elective recovery, Sir James Mackey, said:

These 7 ‘one-stop shops’ are the next step in our elective recovery plan and a welcome addition to the 92 existing community diagnostic centres, which have already delivered more than 1.7 million tests and checks in just over a year.

Our elective recovery plan set out how the NHS will deliver 9 million more tests and checks a year by 2025 and the work of these diagnostic centres, some in convenient spots including shopping centres, are excellent examples of the innovative work being done across the health service to ensure patients get the tests and checks they need as quickly as possible.

GPs refer patients to CDCs where staff use CT scanners, MRI scanners, and other new diagnostic equipment to diagnose people as quickly as possible.

More than 1.7 million tests, checks and scans have already been delivered in the following regions across the country:

- 173,000 in East of England
- 222,000 in London
- 303,000 in the Midlands
- 173,000 in North East Yorkshire
- 260,000 in the North West
- 329,000 in the South East
- 245,000 in the South West

The Finchley Memorial Hospital CDC opened in north London in August 2021 and now offers patients 2 MRI scanners along with 2 obstetric ultrasound machines. Staff carry out a range of scans, blood tests and other cardiology and respiratory services – with more than 50,000 tests so far delivered.

In Dorset, a CDC was constructed on the top floor of Beales department store in Poole to tackle waiting lists in the region, with the first patients walking through its doors in December. The space was once used to sell furniture, and now boasts an eye testing centre, a breast screening unit and 16 clinical rooms that can be adapted for different needs.

In Barnsley, a CDC has been constructed in the Glass Works shopping centre as part of the town’s urban regeneration project. Thanks to its public transport links, patients from more disadvantaged areas have improved access to diagnostic services – including breast screening.

As part of the selection process, the government worked closely with the NHS and invited bids from various regions. Analysis was carried out to determine

where they would be most beneficial in reducing waiting lists and tackling health inequalities.

A range of measures have been adopted to bring down waiting lists and address the lasting impact of the pandemic. Last week, the Health and Social Care Secretary announced that over 50 new surgical hubs will be opening to offer hundreds of thousands more patients quicker access to procedures.

Backed by £1.5 billion in government funding, they will provide at least 100 more operating theatres and over 1,000 beds – delivering almost 2 million extra routine operations over the next 3 years.

These innovative ways of working will help the NHS carry out the biggest catch-up programme in its history and offer patients the care they need, when they need it.

New CDC locations and opening dates

CDC location	Opening date
Willesden Centre for Health and Care, north west London	Winter 2022 to 2023
Wembley Centre for Health, north west London	Autumn 2023
Leigh, Greater Manchester	Winter 2023
Whitegate Drive Health Centre: 2 spoke CDCs in Clifton and Lancashire	Spring 2023
St Albans	Winter 2023 to 2024
Eltham Community Hospital, south east London	Spring 2023

List of operational CDCs

Region	Area	CDC title	Live date	Tests, checks and scans delivered as of 14 Aug 2022
East of England	Basildon and Billericay	Basildon Community Diagnostics CDC	1 Aug 2021	38,788
East of England	Peterborough	Cambridge and Peterborough CDC	1 Jul 2021	35,692
East of England	Norwich South	Central Norfolk CDC	4 Apr 2022	200
East of England	Clacton	Clacton CDC	8 Aug 2021	85,525
East of England	Great Yarmouth	East Norfolk CDC	12 Dec 2021	5,802
East of England	Welwyn Hatfield	New QEII Hospital CDC	1 Mar 2022	3,647
East of England	North West Norfolk	West Norfolk CDC	4 Apr 2022	3,375
London	Barking	Barking Community Hospital CDC	14 Jul 2021	22,432

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London	Finchley and Golders Green	Finchley Memorial Hospital CDC	2 Aug 2021	50,341
London	Hornsey and Wood Green	Finchley Memorial Hospital CDC (Wood Green)	25 Aug 2022	Not yet reporting activity
London	Bermondsey and Southwark	Guy's Cancer Centre CDC	4 Sep 2021	3,028
London	Bethnal Green and Bow	Mile End Hospital CDC	1 Jul 2021	13,938
London	Ealing and Southall	North West London CDC	19 Jul 2021	11,028
London	Putney	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC	1 Aug 2021	114,844
London	Mitcham and Morden	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (Epsom)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Richmond Park	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (Kingston)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Croydon South	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (Purley)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Tooting	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (St Georges Site: Non-Acute)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Wimbledon	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (The Nelson)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Mitcham and Morden	Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC (The Wilson)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)	Reporting through hub (Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton CDC)
London	Dulwich and West Norwood	Tessa Jowell Health Care Centre CDC	26 Jul 2021	6,884
Midlands	Cannock Chase	Cannock Chase CDC	14 Jul 2021	24,906

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Midlands	Stourbridge	Corbett CDC	1 Oct 2021	118,728
Midlands	Coventry North East	Coventry City Community CDC	1 Nov 2021	21,162
Midlands	Derby North	Florence Nightingale Community Hospital CDC	1 Nov 2021	26,017
Midlands	Grantham and Stamford	Grantham CDC	1 Nov 2021	16,485
Midlands	Erewash	Ilkeston Community Hospital CDC	6 Dec 2021	6,533
Midlands	Wyre Forest	Kidderminster Treatment Centre CDC	15 Aug 2021	31,702
Midlands	Leicester East	Leicester CDC	3 Oct 2021	8,708
Midlands	Stratford upon Avon	South Warwickshire CDC	1 Nov 2021	20,737
Midlands	Nuneaton	Warwickshire North CDC	1 Nov 2021	2,339
Midlands	Birmingham	Washwood Heath CDC	13 Dec 2021	3,491
Midlands	Derbyshire Dales	Whitworth Hospital CDC (the new name will be North Derbyshire CDC in 2023)	10 Oct 2021	4,246
North East and Yorkshire	Barnsley Central	Barnsley Glassworks CDC	18 Apr 2022	10,615
North East and Yorkshire	Bishop Auckland	Bishop Auckland CDC	14 Jul 2021	10,575
North East and Yorkshire	Darlington	Bishop Auckland CDC (Darlington Memorial Hospital)	14 Jul 2021	22,039
North East and Yorkshire	Durham	Bishop Auckland CDC (University Hospital of North Durham)	14 Jul 2021	20,023
North East and Yorkshire	Blaydon	Blaydon CDC	19 Jul 2021	13,924
North East and Yorkshire	Tynemouth	Blaydon CDC (North Tyneside)	Reporting through hub (Blaydon CDC)	Reporting through hub (Blaydon CDC)

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North East and Yorkshire	Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle	Humber Coast and Vale CDC	31 Oct 2021	28,265
North East and Yorkshire	Doncaster North	Montagu Hospital CDC	6 Jan 2022	3,308
North East and Yorkshire	North Tyneside	North Tyneside CDC	1 Feb 2022	1,911
North East and Yorkshire	Penrith and the Border	Penrith CDC	4 Oct 2021	14,634
North East and Yorkshire	South Shields	South Tyneside CDC	26 Jul 2021	3,023
North East and Yorkshire	Durham	South Tyneside CDC (Durham Treatment Centre)	14 Jul 2021	14,144
North East and Yorkshire	Hartlepool	Tees Valley CDC	18 Jul 2021	30,869
North East and Yorkshire	Richmond (Yorks)	Tees Valley CDC (Friarige)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)
North East and Yorkshire	Redcar	Tees Valley CDC (Redcar)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)
North East and Yorkshire	Hartlepool	Tees Valley CDC (University Hospital Hartlepool)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)	Reporting through hub (Tees Valley CDC)
North West	Bolton South East	Bolton CDC	5 Nov 2021	9,514
North West	Eastham Wirral	Clatterbridge CDC	14 Jul 2021	27,667
North West	Wirral West	Clatterbridge CDC (Arrowe Park)	Reporting through hub (Clatterbridge CDC)	Reporting through hub (Clatterbridge CDC)
North West	Ellesmere Port and Neston	Ellesmere Port CDC	17 Dec 2021	7,454
North West	Liverpool Riverside	Liverpool Women's Hospital CDC	6 Mar 2022	3,036
North West	Manchester Withington	Manchester And Trafford CDC	1 Nov 2021	66,925

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North West	Salford and Eccles	Northern Care Alliance CDC – Multi Site	1 Jul 2021	18,323
North West	Oldham West and Royton	Northern Care Alliance CDC – Oldham	4 Jan 2022	5,605
North West	Preston	Preston Healthport CDC	1 Oct 2021	28,905
North West	Rossendale and Darwen	Rossendale CDC	1 Nov 2021	13,918
North West	St Helens South and Whiston	St Helens CDC	3 Jul 2021	34,280
North West	Weaver Vale	Victoria Infirmary Northwich CDC	4 Oct 2021	16,609
North West	Westmorland and Lonsdale	Westmorland CDC	21 Jul 2021	11,279
North West	Blackpool North and Cleveleys	Whitegate Drive CDC	2 Aug 2021	16,082
South East	Aldershot	Aldershot Centre For Health CDC	4 Oct 2021	6,082
South East	Chesham and Amersham	Amersham Community Hospital CDC	18 Oct 2021	61,003
South East	Bexhill and Battle	Bexhill Community Hospital CDC	15 Nov 2021	17,752
South East	Bognor Regis	Bognor CDC	27 Nov 2021	15,574
South East	Dover	Buckland Community Hospital CDC	1 Oct 2021	42,228
South East	Reigate	East Surrey CDC	1 May 2022	1,545
South East	Brighton Kemptown	Falmer Community Stadium CDC	21 Nov 2021	5,399 (as of 7 Aug 2022, no report for 14 Aug 2022)
South East	New Forest West	Lymington New Forest Hospital CDC	1 Nov 2021	53,854
South East	Maidstone and Weald and Greg Clark	Maidstone And Tunbridge Wells Hospital CDC	30 Sep 2021	22,702
South East	SW Surrey	Milford Community Hospital CDC	27 Jun 2022	593
South East	Oxford East	Oxford CDC	1 Oct 2021	14,308
South East	Mid Sussex	Queen Victoria Hospital CDC	14 Jul 2021	9,653
South East	Windsor	Slough CDC	1 Oct 2021	9,806

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South East	Worthing and Shoreham	Southlands Hospital CDC	7 Nov 2021	10,319
South East	Portsmouth North	St Mary's Community Hospital CDC	25 Oct 2021	14,029
South East	Newbury	West Berkshire Community Hospital CDC	1 Oct 2021	37,956
South East	Woking	Woking Community Hospital CDC	1 Apr 2022	6,185
South West	Weston Super Mare	BNSGG (Phase 1) Weston CDC	8 Sep 2021	3,756
South West	Bath	BSW Banes Locality CDC	22 Nov 2021	49,078
South West	Poole	CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village	10 Dec 2021	11,906
South West	West Dorset	CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village (Outpatient Assessment Clinic Dorchester)	Reporting through hub (CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village)	Reporting through hub (CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village)
South West	Dorset	CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village (Outpatient Assessment Clinic Poole)	Reporting through hub (CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village)	Reporting through hub (CDC Poole at Dorset Health Village)
South West	North Cornwall	Cios Bodmin CDC	13 Sep 2021	10,524
South West	St Ives	Cios West Cornwall CDC	4 Apr 2022	6,219
South West	Exeter	Devon Exeter Nightingale CDC	1 Jul 2021	30,431
South West	Gloucester	Gloucestershire Community CDC	4 Oct 2021	5,571
South West	Gloucester	Gloucestershire Quayside CDC	14 Dec 2021	19,999
South West	Taunton Deane	Somerset Community CDC	24 Jul 2021	86,916
South West	Taunton Deane	Somerset West CDC	26 Sep 2021	20,307