

# Community Diagnostic Hubs/Centres (CDC) Plans for Sandwell & West Birmingham

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# We would like to use our time with you today to:

- Give an overview of Community Diagnostic Centres and explain what this means for Black Country & West Birmingham and specifically Sandwell and West Birmingham
- Share our proposed plans and hear your feedback and support for future planning
- Answer any questions you may have.

# Introduction

- Community Diagnostic Hubs are intended to improve diagnostics across England.
- The Richards Review; Diagnostics: Recovery and Renewal review, led by Sir Mike Richards outlined the need for radical reform of diagnostic services (already recognised by the Long-Term Plan, 2019).
- The concept is that diagnostics should be separated in sites that are safe from COVID-19 urgent care and all tests can be carried out concurrently to stop multiple visits for different tests.
- The NHS nationally is providing funding for local areas to develop additional diagnostic services to help manage backlogs created by the pandemic, improve care, reduce waiting times and address increasing demand fuelled by population growth and some shortages of skills.

# What this means for the population

- Faster access to diagnostic tests means people can start treatment sooner for serious conditions like cancer and heart problems, this can mean better outcomes for patients.
- We envisage people will be able to have several tests on the same day and be seen more quickly, rather than always needing to wait longer to go to major hospitals. We will still aim to provide choice wherever possible.
- Community Diagnostic Centres will offer a range of tests and scans which could include:
  - imaging (e.g. ultrasounds, X-rays, mammograms)
  - cardiology tests (testing for heart conditions)
  - pathology (testing body tissues and fluids)
  - phlebotomy (testing blood)
  - and endoscopy (looking at organs inside the body using an endoscope)

# Sandwell & West Birmingham – Delivery Year 2 - 5

- Sandwell & West Birmingham have considered the principles of the Richards Review and are proposing a Hub and Spoke model. (Large Model that includes Endoscopy)
- The proposal has been submitted to NHS England for Sandwell & West Birmingham to be included in the Year 2-5 plans to develop Sandwell Treatment Centre and Birmingham Treatment Centres as Hub locations with a view that further health care centres will be utilised as Spoke locations – We are still in the process of deciding actual locations.
- The Treasury have approved the National Funding for development of Community Diagnostic Centres, and we will be informed of which CDCs across Black Country and West Birmingham System have been approved early next year.

# Sandwell & West Birmingham – Considerations Years 2 - 5

- We are in the process of reviewing CDC locations and which diagnostic tests will be within each location
- The developments going forward are:
  1. Some of the site development are dependent on the Midland Metropolitan Hospital build and the availability of locations
  2. Considering a system-wide approach that looks at CDC development across the Black Country to ensure Sandwell and West Birmingham has the right capacity / locations / tests available
- These considerations will be outlined in the further iterations of the Year 2-5 plans submitted to NHSE by February 2022

Thank you!

Feedback and Questions

