



Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Faster Diagnosis Service (FD) Lung Pathway

Why you are being referred onto the
Faster Diagnosis Lung Pathway, and
what will happen next

Your general practitioner (GP) has referred you for an urgent hospital appointment. The appointment is to ensure that anyone with symptoms that may indicate cancer will have appropriate tests or be seen by a specialist within two weeks. This is to either rule out cancer or, if confirmed, to enable you to progress to treatment as soon as possible.

Does this mean I have cancer?

No. The majority of patients referred on this pathway do not have cancer; however, cancer is a possibility that needs to be ruled out.

So why has my GP referred me?

While GPs manage many symptoms, further examinations are sometimes necessary. This pathway allows access to investigation on the same day or within a week, according to your choice and circumstances.

What happens now?

- Make sure that your GP has your correct address and telephone number, including mobile number if possible, as this is how the hospital will contact you.
- Your GP will refer you for a chest X-ray and he / she will ensure you have up to date blood results.
- If additional tests are required after the X-ray, you will be contacted to have a **CT scan** at the **Radiology Department** at the **Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading** (please wait two days after any blood tests before attending so your results are available).
- One of the following appointment options will be offered to you:
 - 1. If you are able to wait in the hospital for up to 4 hours**, to receive results, you will be offered an appointment between **8.30am-11am on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday**. (We advise you to bring snacks and a drink with you.) After the scan, you will be asked to wait to see a member of the Respiratory Team; who will discuss the results of your investigations and next steps.

2. If you are unable to remain at the hospital for up to 4 hours, we will arrange for you to attend for the scan any time between **8.30am-4.30pm, Monday-Friday**. On arrival, we aim for you to be seen as quickly as possible (we will keep you informed of any delays). You will then go home and be offered an outpatient appointment to discuss the results on an alternative day.

- Each scan takes around 30 minutes.
- You may want to bring someone with you if receiving test results.

Overview:

Your GP	Your GP will:
	Will refer you for a chest X-ray and, if required, onto the Faster Diagnosis Lung Pathway.
	Give you this information leaflet.
	Arrange for you to have some blood tests, if required
X-Ray scan	You will:
	Attend for chest X-ray
Your CT scan	If additional tests are required, you will:
	Be contacted to go to RBH for a CT scan either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attend on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 8.30-11.30am, if remaining in the hospital for up to four hours for same day results, or • To attend Monday-Friday 8.30-4.30pm and be given appointment for results on an alternate day
	Meet with a member of the respiratory team for results
	Discuss next steps and investigations if required
	The next appointment will be one of the following:
Next steps	Further tests, if required, to make a diagnosis, <u>or</u>
	A specialist clinic appointment with a consultant, <u>or</u>
	Discharged back to your GP

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Your safety and that of NHS staff is very important.

If you have any Coronavirus symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste), or you need to self-isolate because a family member is unwell, please contact the telephone number below.

Do not go to the hospital or your appointment without speaking to them first.

Contact details:

If you have any further questions please contact the Radiology Department (Main X-ray) on Tel: 0118 322 7991 or email rbb-tr.cat11@nhs.net

Handy hints

- Parking at Royal Berkshire Hospital is in high demand, so please allow additional time before your appointment if arriving by car.
- For further information visit: [Royal Berkshire Hospital | Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- As you may be in the hospital for 4 hours, you may want to bring a snack and drink with you

It is important to remember that even though you are getting an urgent referral, it does not necessarily mean you have cancer.

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Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.