

## Short term changes to Phlebotomy services in North Central London

The covid pandemic has been a difficult time for the NHS and our local population. Phlebotomy services have changed over the last 15 months. The number of community clinics has reduced, <u>some</u> locations <u>changes</u> <u>have changed</u> and appointments are now <u>pre-booked</u>. These changes were introduce<u>ds</u> to reduce the risk to you of contracting covid in a phlebotomy clinic.

North Central London Clinical Commissioning Group (NCL CCG) has secured short-term funding to increase phlebotomy capacity.

Until end of September 2021 blood tests will be available closer to home. This project will allow GP practices to arrange tests for patients who have had delays or have difficulty accessing the current hospital sites, catch up with blood tests required for annual check-ups and understand the number of appointments required in future.

As part of the project, we will be collecting your views through a survey over a 2 week period when services are fully up and running.

Your feedback will be used by NCL CCG consider how phlebotomy services should be delivered in the future. An anonymised summary of feedback will be shared with your practice.