As of the 17th September 2019 OPD will not be running a drop in Phlebotomy service.

We will be moving to an appointment only system.

Clinicians from RHSC and CCH who require their patients to have a blood test will need to advise the parent/carer to book this appointment.

**The appointment number - 0131 536 0814.**

GP’s requiring patients to have a blood test will also need to book an appointment using the same number.

The appointments will run on the following days.

- **Monday** from 1.30pm-4.30pm
- **Tuesday** from 1.30pm-4.30pm
- **Wednesday** from 9.10am-12.30pm
- **Thursday** All day from 9.10-4.30pm
- **Friday** All day from 9.10-4.30pm

All bloods **MUST** be ordered on TRAK prior to the appointment with the exception of those which tests which are unable to be ordered this way eg. Genetics and BTS. (There will be a box available in the phlebotomy room for blood forms/paperwork which cannot be ordered on TRAK.)

GP’s will still be required to complete a blood form or send the patient with a letter on headed note paper detailing the required tests. ICE labels will **NOT** be accepted from GP’s and patients will be asked to return with the correct paperwork and book a new appointment. GP’s will also be required to prescribe EMLA for application an hour before the appointment.

Appointments will be spread out over the week with a mix of Hospital /CCH bookable appointments and designated GP slots.

Any clinic being delivered from RHSC / Lauriston will still have access to the phlebotomy service on that day. Availability has been factored in to the phlebotomy appointment times to enable us to support the ad hoc clinic bloods on that day.

As with any new system I appreciate there will be teething problems and welcome the hospital clinician’s feedback in order to get it right!

Any blood request slips placed in the box after the proposed hospital move date (July 2019) will need to be collected prior to the commencement of the appointment service

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