

PHLEBOTOMY SERVICES IN HARINGEY

The O&SC have raised concerns about the length of time people have to wait at the Laurels health centre for phlebotomy services.

The service at the Laurels only has capacity for 80 blood tests each day, which is fully utilised, and so it is not possible to add any more appointments at this location.

NHS Haringey is therefore putting in place arrangements to have additional blood tests at Lordship Lane. We are also working with the North Middlesex University Hospital to open additional sessions at Bounds Green and Stuart Crescent health centres.

These will be implemented incrementally to ensure there is a steady take up. They will be promoted to GPs in Haringey, who can then advise their patients to attend the most appropriate location.

Clerk's note: The Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be meeting with the Interim NHS Borough Director on Monday 11th April 2011 to obtain further information.