

## Where can I have my child's blood test taken?

This leaflet lists different locations where your child can have a blood test.

### Royal Berkshire Hospital

**Please Note:** From 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Children under 16 years old will only be able to have blood tests taken in Children's Clinic or on Kempton Day Bed Unit. Children's blood tests will no longer be taken in the Pathology Department.

Children's Clinic	
<b>Suitable for</b>	All children requiring a blood test from birth to 16 years of age
<b>Where</b>	Children's Clinic, Level 1 South Block, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
<b>When</b>	Monday mornings ONLY 08:30 – 12:30.
<b>Bookings</b>	0118 322 8142 <b>Appointments ONLY (no walk-in service)</b>
<b>Blood forms</b>	Your paediatrician (doctor) will be able to order the test electronically. If your GP has requested the test you will need to bring a blood form.

Kempton Day Bed Unit	
<b>Suitable for</b>	All children requiring a blood test from birth to 16 years of age.
<b>Where</b>	Level 3 Centre Block (opposite Lion & Dolphin Wards), Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.
<b>Bookings</b>	0118 322 7383 <b>Appointments ONLY (no walk-in service).</b> Please book a date and time for your child's appointment at least 2 weeks before the test is needed.
<b>Blood forms</b>	Your paediatrician will be able to order the test electronically but it is helpful if you also have a paper copy from your doctor all GP request require a paper blood form

### Children needing additional support (RBH)

Some children find blood tests very difficult and our play specialists can provide some support prior to the blood taking appointment and do some preparatory work with your child. Appointments with the play specialists (with some after school) are available if your paediatrician contacts the Play Specialist Team (Ashley Zdanowicz) on Lion Ward.

Visit the Trust website at [www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk](http://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk)

### Community sites

#### West Berkshire Community Hospital

<b>Suitable for</b>	School age children or younger children from 2 years who are confident with blood tests.
<b>When</b>	Appointments available Monday to Friday 8am-3pm.
<b>Where</b>	West Berkshire Community Hospital Phlebotomy Department.
<b>Bookings</b>	Tel: 01635 273343 and select option 3 to talk to a receptionist. Please mention child's age at time of booking. <b><u>Appointments ONLY (no walk-in service).</u></b>
<b>Blood forms</b>	Please ask your paediatrician or GP to print a blood request form.

#### Royal Berkshire Bracknell Healthspace

<b>Suitable for</b>	School age children or younger children from 2 years who are confident with blood tests.
<b>When</b>	Walk-in Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm.
<b>Where</b>	Eastern Gate, Brants Bridge, Bracknell RG12 9BG.
<b>Bookings</b>	<b><u>Not required.</u></b>
<b>Blood forms</b>	Please ask your paediatrician to print a blood form.

### Important Guidance

Ask your GP or paediatrician for local anaesthetic cream if you think your child will need it. Apply it where the doctor instructs you to 30 minutes before your appointment time and cover the site with cling film. This will ensure the site will be numbed at the right time. We also offer cold spray to numb the area instantly instead of cream.

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