



Been referred for an ECG?

Guidance on what you need to do next

Your GP has referred you for an electrocardiogram (ECG) - a simple test which monitors your heart whilst you undertake your normal activities.

This leaflet provides you with information about the new Community ECG Clinics which have trained and qualified Health Care Assistants to fit and remove your device (at a pre-arranged appointment). Data from the device will be reviewed by expert cardiology staff and sent to your GP for further treatment or advice.

What type of devices could be fitted?

There are two types of ECG devices available:

- Holter Device for 24/48 ECG - this records every heart beat for an entire 24/48 hour period
- Event Recorder - for less frequent symptoms (e.g. once or twice a week)

What is a Community ECG Clinic?

NHS Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group, which plans and pays for NHS funded healthcare in these two areas, has been working with clinical teams and patient groups to develop a local Community Ambulatory ECG service to provide care closer to where you live or work.

As a result, a service has been developed to enable you to have this treatment at convenient locations by fully trained staff. Once your results have been sent to your GP, you will only be referred to hospital if you need urgent or highly specialist care.

Community ECG Clinics

Coventry:

Area	Name of Clinic	Clinic Address	Postcode	Tel Number
Keresley	Springfield Medical Centre	Bennetts Road South	CV6 2FL	02476 332628
Longford	Holbrooks Health Team	71-77 Wheelwright Lane	CV6 4HN	02476 366775
Coundon	Holyhead Surgery	1 Chester Street	CV1 3FA	02476 224687
Central	Priory Gate Practice, City of Coventry Health Centre	Stoney Stanton Road	CV1 4FS	02476 961370
Styvechale	The Cheylesmore Surgery	51 Quinton Park	CV3 5PZ	02476 502255

Rugby:

Area	Name of Clinic	Clinic Address	Postcode	Tel Number
Rugby	Market Quarter Medical Centre	Rugby Health and Wellbeing Centre, Drover Close	CV21 3HX	01788 578800
Rugby	Westside Medical Centre	Hilton House, Corporation Street	CV21 2DN	01788 544744
Rugby	Brookside Surgery	Stretton on Dunsmore	CV23 9NH	02476 542525

Why should I use an ECG clinic?

- ✓ Fully trained staff to fit and remove the device and download and send the recordings to a central ECG Service to be reviewed by expert cardiology staff
- ✓ Convenient locations across Coventry and Rugby
- ✓ Direct access to a local service rather than visiting the hospital
- ✓ Reduced waiting times
- ✓ Only referred to hospital when it is necessary
- ✓ Eligible patients can access the Patient Transport Service to attend their appointment at any of the ECG clinics

How do I book an appointment?

1. Following a referral from your GP, select an ECG Clinic from the list that is convenient for you to visit
2. Contact the ECG Clinic to make an appointment (open from 9.00am - 6.30pm)
3. The Clinic will acknowledge your referral and send you a letter confirming your appointment within two weeks
4. You attend the ECG Clinic to have your device fitted
5. You return to the ECG Clinic to have your device removed
6. The ECG Clinic will send your results for analysis, together with your referral form and Patient diary. Your results will then be sent to your GP, who will contact you to discuss your results and offer further advice either over the telephone or by you attending an appointment.



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