

PROPOSED DIAGNOSTICS AT BARKING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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WHAT ARE COMMUNITY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES (CDC)?

- An independent review of diagnostic services in October 2020 highlighted the need for increased diagnostic capacity
- In response, the NHS is implementing a national programme to develop CDCs, which provide a range of tests and scans, such as MRI, CT and ultrasound, in one place and away from an acute hospital environment

The CDCs will:

- Provide patients with a quicker, simpler, more integrated and personal service
- Improve health outcomes
- Increase diagnostic capacity
- Reduce inequalities
- Improve productivity and efficiency



COMMUNITY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES ACROSS NORTH EAST LONDON (NEL)

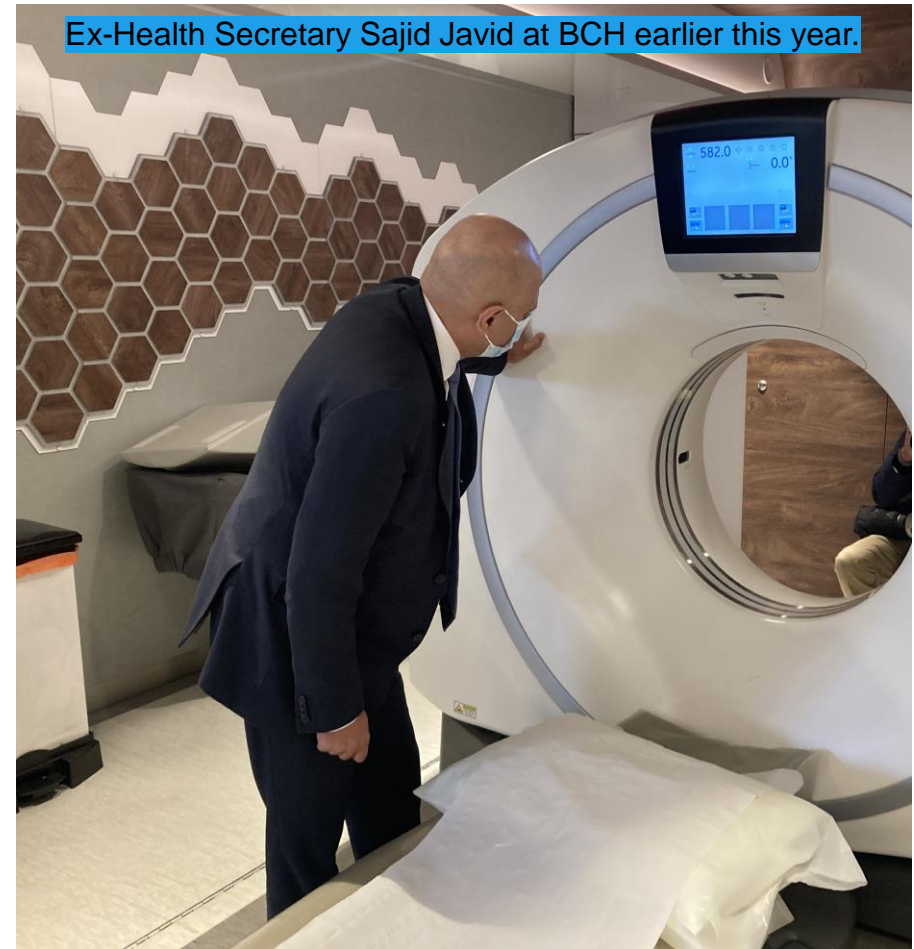


- The demand for tests and scans continues to rise, with waiting lists increasing from an average of 6 to 11 days in 2016 to 9 to 22 days in 2022
- With a projected population growth of 250,000 in the next 10 years and an ageing population, we need to make sure residents have quick access to checks, scans and tests
- Over the next three years, the NHS in NEL will receive £39m to build and run CDCs across its boroughs
- A public consultation is under way to get views from residents on the different proposals. It closes on Tuesday 13 September



PROPOSED CDC AT BARKING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- One proposal is to expand diagnostic services at Barking Community Hospital (BCH) and build a £15m CDC
- The purpose-built CDC would provide a range of tests and scans, such as CT, MRI, ultrasound and bloods
- BCH is an early adopter site and the addition of mobile CT and MRI scanners, ultrasound facilities and X-ray machines over the last few months has helped us make good progress in reducing waiting lists
- Further investment will help us continue to improve our services to residents



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- As part of the wider consultation, we are engaging as a Trust locally with patients, residents and key stakeholders to help us understand what is important to them, for example, how can we make the environment relaxing and preferred appointment times
- Using a variety of targeted and broader communication tactics and by working closely with local partners, we've had a very successful response to our survey, which has been completed by more than 820 residents so far
- The survey closes on 9 September



NEXT STEPS

- We will continue to keep you updated
- For queries, please email bhrut.bch.cdc@nhs.net

