

Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTB) – New Update

The Wand Medical Centre has been part of the LTB scheme since April 2016. The aim of the scheme is to reduce Latent Tuberculosis and to treat anyone with a positive result.

Over 60% of GP Practices have signed up to the scheme. To date, across Birmingham and Sandwell, (figures provided by the CCG) 159 people have tested positive for LTB. This clearly shows not just a need for the scheme but also the importance of the testing. It also ensures that anyone with a positive result will receive the necessary treatment and also that their family and friends are also tested.

All new patients that register with the surgery are offered a simple blood test (providing that they meet the criteria). The test is completely optional and is not a mandatory test.

For anyone that may be interested in having an LTB test please check the criteria information, under website news. Alternatively you can contact Esther Hayden at the Wand Medical Centre.