

TB Referral Pathway for GPs

When Should You Suspect Tuberculosis (TB)?

TB is a disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. TB disease should be suspected in persons who have the following symptoms:

- Unexplained weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Night sweats
- Fever
- Fatigue

If TB disease is in the lungs (pulmonary), symptoms may include:

- Coughing for longer than 3 weeks
- Haemoptysis (coughing up blood)
- Chest pain

If TB disease is in other parts of the body (extra-pulmonary), symptoms will depend on the area affected.

Any adult who present with symptoms suggestive of TB

refer directly to

Dr Mahdi, Consultant Respiratory Physician

at Barnsley District General Hospital.

Please do not use Choose and Book system to do this.

Contact: Secretary to Dr Mahdi on 01226 432679

However,

If a productive cough is present - Please send x3 Sputum samples for AAFB

Any child who presents with symptoms suggestive of TB

refer directly to

Dr Gouta, Consultant Paediatrician at Barnsley District General Hospital.

Contact: Secretary to Dr Gouta on 01226 432277

For advice and information, contact:

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