

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.948
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Thank you for your email received 8 September 2021 requesting information regarding Herne Bay Blood Clinic.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Can you please supply all off the information about the closure of the Herne Bay Blood Clinic at Queen Victoria hospital Herne Bay.

Can you also supply details of the alternative arrangements

KCHFT has been in dialogue with Kent & Medway CCG colleagues over the last 12 months to hand back this legacy service to one of the correctly commissioned organisations, which would be a GP Practice or group of Practices. The clinics are not part of KCHFT's commissioned services and all the referrals are initiated by primary care.

As KCHFT is not a commissioned provider to take patients' blood for the blood tests required by their GP there is no defined pathway for the patient, which causes confusion when KCHFT is not able to provide results. This was made increasingly difficult during the first part of the pandemic and a decision was made that it was in the GP patient's best interest that the service is re-aligned.

It is understood that Kent & Medway CCG has identified a GP practice that will endeavour to support the clinics at QVMH and KCHFT and the CCG are in regular discussion to assess the practicalities around this continuing beyond end of October.

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