

For people newly arrived in the UK

We would like to invite you to attend for important New Entrant health screening. This screening is provided within the TB (tuberculosis) service and can offer tests that are not available at your GP surgery.

What tests?

Over 35 years:	Chest x-ray (if not had as part of visa requirements) Blood test for blood borne viruses – HIV + Hepatitis B and C
16-35 years:	Blood test to detect latent TB Blood test for blood borne viruses – HIV + Hepatitis B and C
Under 16 years:	Skin test to detect latent TB

I feel well: I do not have TB: Why should I be screened?

TB is a disease caused by bacteria (germs). It can affect any part of your body but most commonly affects the lungs. TB can be infectious (spread to others). TB can be cured by taking treatment.

Many people from countries with high TB rates do not have active TB but may have latent TB infection. Approximately one third of the world's population has latent TB. People with latent TB are well and cannot pass the infection to others but it can develop into active disease, causing illness.

Latent TB can be treated but only after tests at the New Entrant Clinic.

Screening and treatment is free, confidential and does not affect your stay in the UK.

We are a small friendly team based in the Respiratory Medicine Department at The Royal Berkshire Hospital.

If you would like more information or to book an appointment, please contact our service on 0118 322 6882.