

Welcome to the X-ray and Ultrasound Department at Axminster Hospital (Information for patients)

This leaflet provides additional important information when attending your appointment in the X-ray and Ultrasound Department at Axminster Hospital.

Please ensure you follow the instructions on your letter which will take you to the correct area for your appointment.

Can I bring a friend/relative?

Yes, however they will not normally be able to accompany you into the examination room and we would ask that you limit the number of people you bring with you due to limited waiting area space.

Chaperones. Where examinations of an intimate nature are carried out you may choose to have a chaperone. Please speak with the Radiographer who will arrange one for you.

What will happen to the results?

We **aim** to report examinations as soon as possible. The results will be sent to your referring clinician.

You will **NOT** be told the results of your examination at the time of your appointment.

Valuables

Patients are encouraged to leave their valuables at home. It is the patient's responsibility to ensure all valuables are on their person before leaving the X-ray and Ultrasound Department.

Cancelling your appointment

If you are unable to attend your appointment, we would be grateful if you could contact us on the number listed on the top of your appointment letter, as soon as possible. We can then offer your original appointment to another patient. A further date and time will then be arranged for you. Please be advised that if you fail to attend your appointment, it may be necessary to remove you from the X-ray or Ultrasound waiting list.

Please note: If you have had D&V (diarrhoea and vomiting) you will need to contact us to rebook your appointment unless you have been clear of symptoms for the past 48 hours.

Contact us

If you found reading your leaflet difficult, you do not understand what it means for you, if you have any queries or concerns, you can contact us on the number listed on the top of your appointment letter and we can talk it through.

How to get to Axminster Hospital

Axminster Hospital is located at Chard Road in Axminster, EX13 5DU.

If possible, we encourage people to use public transport and other sustainable means of travel.

- We are easily accessible by local bus routes.
- Axminster train station is half a mile away.
- Bike racks are available.

For help planning your journey please see the following websites:

- www.stagecoachbus.com
- www.travelinesw.com
- www.traveldevon.info

Car parking is available.

For more information on Medical Imaging, please visit our website:

www.rdehospital.nhs.uk/patients/services/medical-imaging

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