Rapid Access Cardiac Chest Pain Clinic (RACPC) for patients with suspected new *or* recurrent angina (appointments booked directly through e-RS not the referral service)

Please see the RACPC page on Remedy for further details of this service. Please find the link [here.](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/rapid-access-chest-pain-clinics/)

**Patients with suspected ACS or significant ECG changes at presentation should not be referred to RACPC. Call 999 and admit to hospital for immediate assessment.** **Patients with Acute MI or unstable angina - refer to Emergency Department and/or contact weekday IUC Professional line. For IUC professional line please find link** [**here**](https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/adults/urgent-care/medical-admissions-and-weekday-iuc-professional-line/)**.**

**The RACPC clinic is only for patients aged 18 years or over, with recent onset chest pain that you are concerned is angina.**  **Referrals that do not meet these criteria will be rejected.**

Please do not refer patients with:

* Non-anginal chest pain. Consider alternative diagnosis or use cardiology advice and guidance - please find link [here](https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/advice-guidance-service/).
* Suspected pericarditis/myocarditis
* Lone palpitations
* Suspected heart failure or heart valve disease
* Complex cardiac history previously under the care of cardiologist
* Congenital heart disease
* New onset significant anaemia – treat first and then reassess

Do not refer to this clinic if breathlessness or palpitations are the predominant symptoms; please consider alternative clinics below.

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| **Clinic** | **Intended for patients with** | **Access via** |
| Arrhythmia Clinic | Palpitations | [Arrhythmia (Remedy BNSSG ICB)](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/arrhythmia/) |
| Heart Failure Clinic | New onset heart failure |  [Heart Failure (Remedy BNSSG ICB)](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/cardiology/heart-failure/) |
| Respiratory Clinic | New respiratory symptom | [HOT Clinics (Respiratory) (Remedy BNSSG ICB)](https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/respiratory/hot-clinics-respiratory/)I  |

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| **Patient Details** |
| Name |  |
| DOB |  |
| NHS number |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone  |  |
| Please outline any communication difficulties |  |

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| **GP Details** |
| GP name |  |
| GP Practice |  |
| Address of GP surgery |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email address |  |

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| **Clinical Features of Presenting Complaint** |
| **Typical angina is:** Constricting discomfort in chest, shoulders, jaw, or arms |
| Precipitated by physical exertion |
| Relieved by rest/GTN within 5 minutes |
| Patient has all 3 features **Anginal Pain ** |
| Patient has 2 features **Possible Anginal Pain ** |
| Patient has <2 features **Non-Anginal Pain\*** *****\* Please note, if deemed to be non-anginal pain, the RACPC is not appropriate so please consider alternative diagnosis or consider cardiology A&G or general cardiology clinic*  |
| **Duration of chest pain symptoms:** |
| **Additional features of clinical concern:**  |

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| **Investigations** |
| ***Please note: These tests should be done beforehand but it is not necessary to wait for the results for the referral to be made*** |
| FBC, U&Es, LFT, thyroid function and CRP | Result (if available): |
| NTproBNP (if concomitant dyspnoea) | Result (if available): |
| HBA1C or Fasting Blood Glucose | Result (if available): |
| Lipid Screen | Result (if available): |
| ECG (recommended)\*\*. If there are concerning ECG changes then consider immediate admission.\*\**Please attach the ECG if available. This is not mandatory, and you should not delay referral awaiting the result.*  |

**Referrals should be uploaded to one of the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinics via e-RS and should not be sent via the referral service**

Patientswill be assessed by one of the cardiac team and possibly referred for further tests depending on clinical need.

**Please note:**

**Current NICE guidance does not recommend Exercise Tolerance Tests (ETT) to diagnose anginal chest pain. Patients referred to this service will not need to bring trainers to their appointment.**