|  |
| --- |
| **PHLEBOTOMY SERVICE** |

A Phlebotomy service is available from both Southend and Basildon Hospital sites and many sites within the community. Please use the following links for information on blood tests centres, opening times and appointments:

[www.mse.nhs.uk/blood-tests](http://www.mse.nhs.uk/blood-tests)

**Please note:** Patients for investigations that require fasting should be advised appropriately. Requests for domiciliary visits should be limited to those patients who are too ill or infirm to travel.

**Requests for blood collections from wards**

Blood request forms are collected from the wards by the portering staff prior to 6am for bleeding by the Phlebotomist the same day. Any urgent request required written after this time that needs to be bled the same day should be done so by the medical staff.