A CT (computerised tomography) scan is a special x-ray examination which allows us to take and review detailed images of the body.

CT coronary angiography is a relatively new technique, where we scan and take pictures of your heart and your coronary arteries. This allows us to see any narrowing or blockages of the arteries around your heart.

We hope this leaflet answers any questions you may have, and also to make you as comfortable as possible throughout your visit.

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CT Superintendent (Cardiac Service)

Where is the cardiac CT scanner?

Within the CT Department, situated on Level 5 of the hospital Tower Block, Eastern Road, BN2 5BE

If you plan to arrive by car, the streets adjacent to the hospital offer paid parking spaces, so please remember to bring some coins. Also, whilst the scan itself typically takes around 15 minutes, it’s advisable to ensure you are legally parked for up to two hours.

Can’t make your appointment?

If you’re unable to make your appointment for any reason, please let us know in advance. We can then give your slot to another patient. Please ring the telephone number on your appointment letter.

If you do not understand this leaflet, we can arrange for an interpreter.

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Preparation for the scan?

You do not need to make any special preparations for a CT coronary angiography scan, you can eat as normal, and should continue to take any medication you have been prescribed. However...

1. If you are diabetic and taking the drug metformin, you should contact the CT department in advance of your scan – see appointment letter for contact details.

2. If you are asthmatic and use an inhaler please bring it with you to your appointment.

Also, please avoid tea and coffee on the day of your scan. These both contain caffeine, which can speed up your heart rate. After your scan, you will be able to return to your normal daily routine.