



## JAG accreditation

### JAG briefing May 2025: JAG Stance on CDCs

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#### Introduction

Increasingly, NHS endoscopy services are using Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) and CDCs play an important role in reducing wait times. The current JAG stance requires accredited services to only outsource to accredited providers.

As CDCs are relatively new, JAG require that a service uses a CDC that is as a minimum registered with JAG. JAG acknowledges that new CDCs will require time to be ready to submit for accreditation, and expect CDCs to be working towards accredited status.

In line with NHSE guidance<sup>1</sup> that CDCs must aim to meet accredited standards within two years of being fully operational, JAG would expect CDCs to submit for a JAG assessment within 2 years of accepting patients. This is to ensure that they comply with JAG standards. JAG works closely with NHSE to encourage CDCs to move along the accreditation pathway and will be monitored at services annual reviews and assessments.

Currently, if a service is undergoing assessment, and using a non-accredited CDC, JAG will not remove accreditation or defer a service on this basis alone. However, assessment teams should leave a recommendation so it is recorded on an assessment report that the expectation is the CDC will move towards becoming accredited.

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<sup>1</sup> NHSE Guidance for community diagnostic centres: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/community-diagnostic-centres/>