

LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS
Tuberculosis (TB)

- The incidence of tuberculosis has risen over the last decade and should be considered as a cause of persistent productive cough (i.e., over 3 weeks) or lack of response to usual antibiotics. Sputum samples are not routinely examined for TB, and a specific request for TB microscopy and culture needs to be included on the request card if this is a possible diagnosis.
- If in North Nottinghamshire, the referral should be made to Dr Nabeel Ali at King's Mill Hospital on 01623 622515.
- All other suspected or confirmed cases need to be referred *directly* to the TB specialist nurses based at Nottingham City Hospital on 01159 628051, who will arrange appointments with the most appropriate physician.
- Notify Public Health England on 03442254524.