



Healthcare in the UK !

Healthcare in the UK is provided by the National Health Service (NHS) which was set up in 1948. It is recognised as one of the best health services in the world by the World Health Organisation. In the great majority of cases the service is completely free of charge. You may also think of pursuing a medical career in the NHS as good doctors and nurses are in high demand!



If you are allowed to stay in the UK for over 6 months, you will be entitled to NHS treatment. You will, however, need to register with a General Practitioner (GP) in your catchment area. If you are sick you will need to make an appointment at the GP surgery and depending on the seriousness of your condition, you will be attended by a doctor or a nurse. If necessary, your GP will refer you onto a specialist at a hospital.

You need to register with a Medical Centre in order to obtain a National Health Service (NHS) number. This allows you to:

Receive full NHS medical services whilst you are resident in the UK

NHS medical care is free and available throughout the UK to those who are resident in the UK for a period of six months or more.

For a brief guide to the NHS - www.nhs.uk/thenhsexplained/default.asp

Registering with a medical centre where you live

To find out where your local medical centres are go to

<http://www.nhs.uk/root/localnhsservices/default.asp> . Select 'GP surgeries' and enter your postcode in the boxes provided.

Contact or go along to your local medical centre to find out how to register with them.

Contacting a PCT

If your local centre tells you that they are not able to register you (for example their list of patients is 'full') the do not worry! You are legally entitled to be registered with a GP somewhere in your local area.

If this happens you will need to contact your local Primary Care Trust (PCT). The PCT is the organisation that runs all the medical centres in your area.

A PCT can oblige a medical centre to register you even if their list is 'full'.

You will need to contact your PCT to register with your local GP.

Use the list below to contact your PCT

Barnet PCT

Hyde House, The Hyde, London, NW9 6QQ

Camden PCT

110 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2LJ

City and Hackney PCT

St. Leonards Hospital, Nuttall Street, London, N1 5LZ

Greenwich PCT

1 Hyde Vale, London, SE10 8QG

Hammersmith and Fulham PCT

Parsons Green Centre, 5-7 Parsons Green, London, SW6 4UL

Haringey PCT

St. Ann's General Hospital, St. Ann's Road, London, N15 3TH

Islington PCT

110 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 2LJ

Kensington and Chelsea PCT

Courtfield House, St. Charles Hospital, Exmoor Street, London, W10 6DZ

Lambeth PCT

1 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7NT

Lewisham PCT

Elizabeth Blackwell House, Wardalls Grove, Avonley Road, London, SE14 5ER

Newham PCT

Plaistow Hospital, Samson Street, London, E13 9EH

Southwark PCT

Mabel Goldwin House, 49 Grange Walk, London, SE1 3DY

Sutton and Merton PCT

Hamilton Wing, Nelson Hospital, Kingston Road, London, SW20 8DB

Tower Hamlets PCT

Trust Offices, Mile End Hospital, Bancroft Road, London, E1 4DG

Wandsworth PCT

Teak Tower, Springfield Hospital, 61 Glenburnie Road, London, SW17 7DJ

Westminster PCT

Trust Headquarters, 50 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LX

If you have any queries, or need help contacting your local PCO just come to St Philips for help or email us at [spmcs@lse.ac.uk](mailto:spmc@lse.ac.uk) (please mark your email "registration query".)

In case of emergencies you should go to your nearby hospital or call 999 for emergency services.

In case of minor health issues or minor injuries you can also go to a walk-in centre which is open from early morning to late evening, seven days a week. You do not require a prior appointment and you will be attended by a nurse.

There is also an extensive private health system for those wishing to pay an additional fee to receive extra benefits for optical, physiotherapy and dental treatment when they use private healthcare services