

Healthcare in the UK

Most students will be allowed to use the National Health Service (NHS). The NHS gives free health care.

These NHS treatments are free:

- some emergency treatment (but not follow-up treatment)
- family planning services
- treatment of certain communicable diseases
- compulsory psychiatric treatment



- If you come from a European Economic Area (EEA) country, you can get **full NHS treatment**. You need to get a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) **before you come to the UK**. This entitles you to treatment. The EHIC card may be called something different in your country.
- For example:

Spain: *La Tarjeta Sanitaria Europea (TSE)*

France: *la carte européenne d'assurance maladie (CEAM)*

Italy: *La tessera europea di assicurazione malattia*

Germany: *Die Europäische Krankenversicherungskarte*

Visit <http://ec.europa.eu> for more information.

- If you are not from an EEA country and your course lasts **6 months or more**, you can get **full NHS treatment**.
- If you are not from an EEA country and your course is **less than 6 months** you should take out medical insurance as you will have to pay NHS charges for all treatment except the treatment listed at the top of this page.

See <https://goo.gl/Wnq3F8> for more information on using the NHS.

Getting healthcare in the UK

It is a good idea to register with a doctor as soon as you arrive in the UK (in the UK we call them General Practitioners or GPs). You will need:

- a letter from the school (ask for this in the school office)
- your passport
- any other immigration documents.



Ask to be added to the list of National Health Service (NHS) patients.

- Most doctors' surgeries have female as well as male doctors, and if you prefer you can ask to be put on a woman doctor's list. If you only want to be seen by a woman doctor, you may need to say so when you make an appointment.
- You should choose a GP that is close to your accommodation. You can find one by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4> and entering your postcode (eg SW6 5AA).

Getting advice and treatment

- If you want advice about minor illnesses or injuries, speak to a pharmacist - there are 2 pharmacists very close to the school.



- If you have a minor illness or injury, visit an NHS Walk-in Centre. There is one 5 minutes' walk from the school. See <https://www.nhs.uk/Services/clinics/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=96536> for more information.

- If you (or somebody else) are ill or injured, but your life is not at risk, call 111.
- If you (or somebody else) are very ill or injured, and their life is at risk, call 999.



Dental care

Some dentists give dental treatment on the NHS. You might need to pay some charges though.

If you do not use an NHS dentist, you will have to pay the full price for your treatment.

You can find an NHS dentist by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3> and entering your postcode (eg SW6 5AA).