

# Healthcare in the UK

## Getting healthcare in the UK

The type of healthcare you are entitled to in the UK depends on how long you will be in the country:

- If your course lasts 6 months or more, you can get full NHS treatment.
- If your course is less than 6 months you should take out private health insurance as you will have to pay NHS charges for most treatments.

If you are entitled to use the NHS, it is a good idea to register with a doctor or a GP (General Practitioner), as we call them in the UK. You will need:

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

Some other important information:

- 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.
- 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.
- If you want advice about minor illnesses or injuries, speak to a pharmacist - there are three pharmacies very close to the school.
- If you have a minor illness or injury, visit an NHS Walk-in Centre. There is one at Arches 5-8 Clapham Junction Station (10 minutes from Balham Station). See <https://www.practiceplusjunctionhealthcentre.nhs.uk/> 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 your life is at risk, call 999.



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## Dental care

Some dentists give dental treatment on the NHS. However, you might need to pay some charges. 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.

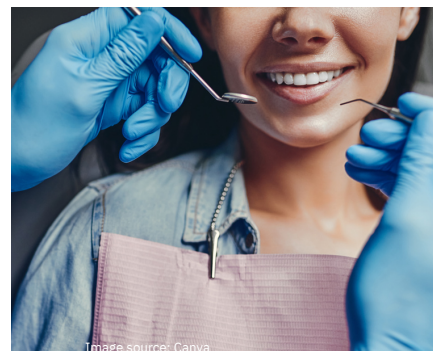


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## Local Walk-In & Hospital Directions

### Parsons Green Walk-In Service

**Address:** 5-7 Parsons Green, London, SW6 4UL

(Walk to Balham Rail Station, Southern to West Brompton, District line to Parsons Green, 6 minute walk from tube)

**Opening times:**

Monday - Friday: 08:15 - 18:00

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Bank holidays: 09:00 - 17:00

Contact Number: 0208 102 4000

The service is available for patients needing to access care for all minor injuries and illnesses and will provide same day care without an appointment. The walk-in centre is unable to see pregnant women or children under 12 years old.

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### The Richmond Urgent Treatment Centre

#### Teddington Memorial Hospital

**Directions:** (Walk to Balham Rail Station, Southern to Clapham Junction, South Western Railway to Kingston, SL7 Superloop bus to Teddington / Broad Street, 6 minute walk from bus stop)

**Address:** Hampton Road, Teddington, London, TW11 0JL

**Opening times:**

8am - 8pm, 7 days a week

Contact Number: 0208 714 4000

When you need **urgent medical attention**, but it's not a life-threatening situation. You may be referred to the urgent treatment centre by NHS 111 or by a GP. You can also just turn up and walk in.

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### CHELSEA WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL - URGENT CARE CENTRE

**Address:** 369 Fulham Road, London, SW10 9NH

**Opening times:** OPEN 24 Hours

Contact Number: 020 3315 8000

**Directions:** (Walk to Balham Rail Station, Southern to Clapham Junction, London Overground to Imperial Wharf Rail Station, C3 bus to Fulham Road (SW10), 6 minute walk from bus stop)

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### ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL - URGENT CARE (A&E)

**Address:** Blackshaw Road, Tooting, London, SW17 0QT

**Opening times:** OPEN 24 Hours

Contact Number: 0208 672 1255

**Directions:** (Walk to Du Cane Court, 155 bus to Cranmer Terrace, 4 minute walk from bus stop)

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## Registering with a GP

[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/)

