



# **UK Healthcare**

## **under the National Health Service (NHS)**



# Who is eligible for NHS services?

## Generally speaking:

- EEA nationals
- All other nationals holding a Student Visa valid for more than 6 months
- People on a dependent's visa
- If you are unsure contact [studentadvice@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@lshtm.ac.uk)





# What services are free?

- Consulting a GP (General Practitioner)
- Family Planning, including the contraceptive pill
- Walk-in centres
- Hospital treatment (emergency and non-emergency)
- Calling an ambulance is free in the UK: 999 or 112
- NHS 111 for urgent help (but not a 999 emergency)



# What will I have to pay for?

- Prescriptions (currently £8.60 per item)
- Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) may be cheaper for long-term meds
- Some services e.g. travel vaccinations
- Private dental treatment
- NHS dental treatment (cheaper)
- Optical treatment e.g. eye tests (provided by high street opticians)

The image shows a screenshot of a Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) form. The form is titled 'PP10180105' and includes a 'NOTE' section at the top. Below the note, there is a 'Part 1' section with a list of items (A through S) that the patient must have to get a PPC. The items are: A. Under 16 years of age, B. A fit, fit or fit and fit certificate, C. A fit, fit or fit and fit certificate, D. A valid medical exemption certificate, E. A valid medical exemption certificate, F. A valid medical exemption certificate, G. A valid medical exemption certificate, H. A valid medical exemption certificate, I. A valid medical exemption certificate, J. A valid medical exemption certificate, K. A valid medical exemption certificate, L. A valid medical exemption certificate, M. A valid medical exemption certificate, N. A valid medical exemption certificate, O. A valid medical exemption certificate, P. A valid medical exemption certificate, Q. A valid medical exemption certificate, R. A valid medical exemption certificate, S. A valid medical exemption certificate. The form also includes a 'Part 2' section with a 'Sign here' field and a 'Date' field. The form is a standard NHS form used for prescribing medicines.



## Prescription charge exemption:

- If you're pregnant or had a baby in last 12 months
- Certain medical conditions (e.g. epilepsy, diabetes, hypothyroidism)
- Ask your GP if you can apply for medical exemption on these grounds
- Exemption will apply to **all** prescriptions



## **Make sure you register with a GP soon!**

- Register now while you have time
- Don't wait until you get sick!
- You need a referral from your GP for specialist services / clinics
- Most GP surgeries are closed at the weekend
- Registering with a GP will give you access to primary care out-of-hours



# 20 Gower Street Medical Practice

- If your long-term accommodation in these postcodes
- Between now and the end of October
- Come and get a Registration pack from us during the break

EC1, EC2, EC3, EC4
N1, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N10, N11*, N13, N15, N16, N17, N19, N22
NW1, NW3, NW5, NW6*, NW8
SW1, SW3, SW5, SW6*, SW7, SW10*
W1, W2, W8, W9, W10*, W11*, W14*
WC1, WC2
* certain streets do not qualify, ask at the Practice





# **If not 20 Gower Street, which GP can I register with?**

- Visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Allows you to search for local GP practices by post-code
- NHS website also has information about other services such as A&E departments, dentists, NHS direct, walk-in centres





Health A-Z

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## Health A-Z

Symptoms, conditions, medicines and treatments

Find conditions and treatments

### Most common

- Stomach ache
- Chest infection
- Depression
- Back pain
- Diabetes



## Find local services

GP

Urgent care

Hospitals

Dentists

Enter your postcode

## Do it online

[Get a European Health Insurance Card](#)

[Book a GP appointment](#)

[e-Referral Service](#)



**Yes I donate**  
ORGAN DONATION

Register as an organ donor



**Save a life**



# **In order to register, you will need:**

- Passport (or national ID card)
- Evidence of student status
- Proof of your UK address
- Check with the practice you plan to register with as requirements vary
- Registration is with the practice, not an individual GP
- GP appointments last 12 minutes (on average)

# Walk-in Centres

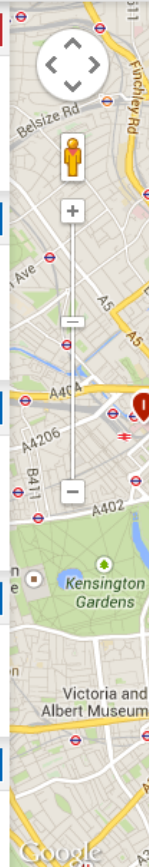
- If you are unwell, and can't see a GP – you can visit a walk-in centre
- Visit NHS website and search for 'urgent care' services
- Results with the feet symbol are walk-in centres and you can visit these without booking an appointment
- However, it's advisable to call in advance

## Urgent care results for WC1E 7HT

Showing 1-10 of 85 results

Search within 10 miles of WC1E 7HT

<b>A</b>	<b>University College Hospital</b>	<b>A&amp;E</b>
University College Hospital 235 Euston Road London NW1 2BU		
	0.39 miles	<a href="#">Get directions</a>
<b>B</b>	<b>University College Hospital</b>	<b>Feet</b>
University College Hospital 235 Euston Road London NW1 2BU		
	0.39 miles	<a href="#">Get directions</a>
<b>C</b>	<b>Soho Square General Practice</b>	<b>Feet</b>
First Floor 1 Frith Street London W1D 3HZ		
	0.45 miles	<a href="#">Get directions</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>St Bartholomew's Hospital</b>	<b>Feet</b>
West Smithfield London EC1A 7BE		
	1.31 miles	<a href="#">Get directions</a>
<b>E</b>	<b>Angel Medical Practice</b>	<b>Feet</b>
34 Ritchie Street Islington London Islington N1 0DG		
	1.37 miles	<a href="#">Get directions</a>



What service

A&E A&E



# Pharmacies (or Chemists)



- Can offer basic advice
- Sell non-prescription medication
- Offer emergency contraception
- Main UK pharmacies: Boots, Superdrug, Lloyds
- Pharmacies in some big supermarkets
- Independent pharmacies on High Street



# UK Medicine



- Some medicines are not routinely available (even on prescription)
- Treatment protocols can be different in UK
- Records, letters from previous doctors very helpful in managing ongoing conditions



# Dental care

- You pay for all dental care in the UK
- (unless pregnant or had a baby in last 12 months)
- NHS patients pay less than private patients
- Check prices before you agree to a course of treatment







# NHS dental care costs

- **£20.60** check-up
- **£56.30** check-up, plus fillings, extractions, root canal treatment
- Up to **£244.30** for all the above, plus more complex procedures e.g. Crowns
- Expect to pay **at least** double for private treatment



# Dentists

- [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) for details of dentists accepting NHS patients
- Some A&E departments offer emergency dental services – see [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)





# Questions?

[studentadvice@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@lshtm.ac.uk)

- for general questions about entitlement to and accessing NHS healthcare

[studentcounselling@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:studentcounselling@lshtm.ac.uk)

- for questions about mental health, counselling service etc.