

Healthcare in the UK

The NHS – National Health Service

Ambulance Emergency Number 999

The NHS is a government health scheme which allows all UK residents the right to free health care. This includes people who are employed by British companies and also applies to the spouse, and any children under the age of 16, of the employed person.

Doctors

You should register as an NHS patient with your local doctor as soon as possible.

Find your local surgery at: www.nhs.uk/england

At your local GP's you will be required to fill out a patient registration form and provide information such as name, contact details and DOB and any pre-existing health problem. A new patient file will be created in your name; you will be assigned an NHS number and have a medical card with your name, GP's number and your NHS number. You need to keep this card in case you move and need to find a new doctor's surgery.

Dentists

There are both NHS dentists and private dentists in the UK and we advise you to register with one as soon as possible. For more information see: www.nhs.uk/England/Dentists

Pharmacies

Pharmacists can give advice on minor injuries and ailments as well as dispense prescriptions.

For NHS Pharmacies see: www.nhs.uk/England/Pharmacies

Really useful contacts:

NHS Direct Helpline: **0845 46 47**

To find local doctors, dentists and pharmacies: www.nhs.uk/england

Overseas visitor information on the NHS: www.doh.gov.uk/overseasvisitors

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