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# Referral to the Skin Oncology Service

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## Why have I been referred to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham?

The team of doctors and nurses at QEHB specialise in the care of certain skin cancers. You may have been referred either for a specialist opinion or to plan and receive treatment.

## Who will I see at my appointment?

You may initially be seen by a junior doctor before you see a consultant. The consultant may be a dermatologist, a plastic surgeon or an oncologist depending upon your needs.

You may wish to bring someone with you to the appointment as it can be helpful to have another person with you when discussing diagnosis, results or a treatment plan.

## Who else will I see?

You may meet one of the skin oncology clinical nurse specialists. Their role is to offer information and support during what can be a confusing and difficult time.

If there are any clinical trials you would be eligible for you may also meet a Research Nurse.

## How long can I expect to be at the hospital?

The length of time needed for each patient varies but on a first visit it would be sensible to allow at least 3 hours. It may be a much shorter time but there may also be several doctors that need to see you to plan any treatments.

## How often will I need to come to QEHB?

Again this varies for each person depending on any investigations needed and the decisions made about treatment. We will always try to explain to you what appointments you can expect.

## Getting here

**Bus** – Several buses stop directly outside the QEHB. See the Trust website for details: [www.uhb.nhs.uk/how-to-find-us.htm](http://www.uhb.nhs.uk/how-to-find-us.htm)

**Rail** – The nearest station to the hospital is University station, which is less than 10 minutes' walk from the hospital. The hospital is clearly signposted from the station.

**Car (For drivers using satnav the postcode is B15 2WB)** – Most appointments are held within the new hospital building and the nearest car park to this is car park A.

For appointments within the old hospital building and the Wellcome Trust, please park in car park D.

Disabled parking is provided for Blue Badge holders in both of these car parks.

A shuttle service is provided to transport patient and visitors from the car parks and train station to the hospital if needed. This runs Monday-Friday, 07:00-19:00.

## Car park charges

Parking charges do apply on site. Payment is made with cash or credit/debit card when leaving the car park.

Disabled parking is free in designated disabled areas only. Free parking is also available to patients with a long-term illness or serious condition requiring daily or regular treatment – e.g. radiotherapy.

## Directions from the M5

Leave M5 at Junction 4 and follow A38 Birmingham for 6.75 miles, after which you will encounter a major set of traffic lights.

Turn left following A4040 Harborne/Queen Elizabeth, passing the large Sainsbury's store on your right.

At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Aston Webb Boulevard. Continue over the next roundabout onto New Fosse Way.

At the next roundabout, turn left onto Hospital Way for car parks for both the QEHB (Car Park A) and old QE (Car Park D).

## Directions from the Birmingham city centre

Follow the A38 (Bristol Road) towards Bromsgrove.

After leaving the city centre, continue along the A38 towards Selly Oak, following signs marked "Queen Elizabeth/H/A&E".

At the fork in the road, near the Esso petrol station, take the right fork, again following the A38 and signs for "Queen Elizabeth".

At the first roundabout, turn right onto New Fosse Way.

At the next roundabout, turn left onto Hospital Way for car parks for both QEHB (Car Park A) and old QE (Car Park D).

## More information

If you need any more information before your first appointment at QEHB, please speak to your clinical nurse specialist at your original hospital or you may find our website helpful – [www.uhb.nhs.uk](http://www.uhb.nhs.uk).



The Trust provides free monthly health talks on a variety of medical conditions and treatments. For more information visit [www.uhb.nhs.uk/health-talks.htm](http://www.uhb.nhs.uk/health-talks.htm) or call 0121 371 4957.

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