



Working at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, 9 out of 10 staff agree their work makes a real difference to the patients in their care.

And 8 out of 10 would recommend the hospital as a place to work.

So why would **you** want to work anywhere else?

Join the team at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and help us to deliver the best in care.

Come and work for one of the leading hospitals in Europe

We are looking for a range of committed and motivated nursing staff who are team players, with excellent clinical and interpersonal skills.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QEHB) is one of the world's largest health care campuses with an international reputation for clinical excellence, training and innovation. But it's not just our patients we invest in.

We also invest in our workforce as we believe that career development through education and training enables us to deliver the best in care. This is why we offer all staff the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills in a supportive environment.

Many of our adult registered nurses progress to senior roles, including ward sisters, nurse specialists and clinical educators.

The new £545 million QEHB, officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in July 2012, is the centrepiece of the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB).

The Trust provides clinical services to more than 800,000 patients every year, serving a regional, national and international population.

It is a regional centre for cancer, renal dialysis, burns and plastics and has the largest solid organ transplantation programme in Europe. It is also one of the UK's Major Trauma Centres; hence we treat the most complex conditions from across the region.

QEHB offers patient accommodation which has been favourably compared to a high-profile, award-winning private hospital. It has 1,213 inpatient beds, 32 operating theatres and a 100-bed critical care unit, the largest of its type in the world.

QEHB hosts the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM) and the UK's first and only National Institute for Health Research Centre for Surgical Reconstruction and Microbiology. The Trust treats all seriously injured British military personnel evacuated from overseas.

QEHB's unique relationships with the University of Birmingham, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Birmingham Women's Hospital means it is one of the world's leading centres for the development of translational medicine.

UHB, which employs more than 8,000 staff, has been a teaching hospital throughout its history, actively training the nurses, doctors, therapists, medical scientists and technicians of tomorrow.

The excellence of its teaching staff has made it one of the leading teaching hospitals in the UK.

Why choose Birmingham?

Living in Birmingham offers you the chance to experience all that a vibrant, diverse city with world-class facilities has to offer.

Birmingham is UK's second largest city with a reputation for first-class academic and clinical study, a world-renowned cultural scene and an ethnically diverse population.

Although it is only 90 minutes by high-speed train from London, living costs are more than 50 per cent cheaper than the capital.

The city is home to more than one million people and every year, more than 30 million tourists enjoy its varied arts scene, restaurants, sporting attractions and shops.

Whatever your taste, Birmingham has lots to offer. Home to the O2 Academy and the legendary Jools Holland's Jam House, the city is also famed for major venues such as Symphony Hall, the Hippodrome theatre, and the National Indoor Arena, and the many bars and clubs.

In 2013, the spectacular £189 million Library of Birmingham opened as the largest public library in the UK and one of the largest in Europe.

From Tapas to Thai, one of Birmingham's best assets is its range of international cuisine. The city even boasts some of the best Michelin starred restaurants. For an authentic and inexpensive delight, the world-renowned Balti Triangle is a must.

A shopper's paradise, Birmingham is home to all your favourite high street names, designer boutiques and chic malls. In fact, the city's most iconic centres, Bullring and The Mailbox, are stunning retail outlets, within minutes of New Street Station.

Within half an hour of Birmingham, there's vast open countryside, canals, historic houses and country parks.

Birmingham is located at the heart of the UK motorway network, linked by the M5, M6, M40 and M42. New Street Station is at the hub of the National Rail network with fast and frequent services to London's Euston station and many other major towns and cities across the UK. Birmingham International Airport, just 12 miles from QEHB, welcomes more than 50 airlines from over 100 destinations.

For more information on the city visit
www.visitbirmingham.com



Opportunities for Adult Registered Nurses

The hospital is split into 4 Clinical Divisions and sub specialities which are grouped by Division.

Some specialities are provided in dedicated inpatient wards others are within a mixed ward environment and are co-located.

Division A

Ambulatory Care: The Ambulatory care service consists of the Ambulatory care unit, the Admissions Unit, The Wellcome Short Stay and East Block day unit. The Ambulatory care unit, with 81 bed spaces, looks after adult patients who are coming into hospital for a planned procedure and are expected to stay in hospital for a short period of time.

The Wellcome Unit consists of 31 bed spaces. East Block has 42 trolley spaces, and the Admissions Unit has 8 admission rooms.

Critical Care: QEHB has the largest single site critical care unit in Europe, with 100 beds. The department has four wards which admit a total of 3,600 patients annually.

The department cares only for adults but is referred patients from every speciality, including liver, trauma, burns, neurosurgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and solid organ transplantation.

Theatres: There are 23 main theatres with two recovery areas which have 26 recovery bays. There are also nine Ambulatory care theatres.

Division B

Breast Surgery: The Breast Unit diagnoses more than 300 new cancers a year and deals with another 6,000 new referrals annually.

Through a close association with a large plastic surgery unit at the QEHB, the unit offers a full range of oncoplastic reconstructive procedures including free flaps.

Ninety-five per cent of breast surgery takes place in a day-case setting in a dedicated unit within the hospital's cancer centre. A full range of breast surgical procedures are undertaken including sentinel lymph node biopsy.

Breast reconstruction is regularly undertaken in conjunction with colleagues in plastic surgery. The emphasis is on immediate reconstruction wherever possible. A large amount of this care is delivered in an outpatient and day case setting.

Cardiac Surgery: The Cardiac Surgery service provides expert medical care for the population of the West Midlands and beyond. The team provides general cardiac surgery procedures as well as specialist services such as heart and lung transplantation and aortic surgery.

The nursing teams are supported by Advanced Nurse Practitioners assigned to the specialty who offer a great deal of specialist knowledge for both the patient and staff. The ward is in the process of developing their own 8-bed post operative area to reduce a patient's length of stay in critical care.

Cardiology: The Cardiology Department is one of the largest in the UK, and provides treatment for patients with every type of heart disease. Its facilities include cardiology wards, coronary and intensive care units, four catheter laboratories, rooms for investigations such as exercise testing, and echocardiography.

Procedures available for the treatment and diagnosis of heart disease include coronary angioplasty and stenting, ablation for heart rhythm disturbance, pacemakers including biventricular devices, transcatheter valve implants and imaging using cardiac CT, MRI imaging, echo and nuclear medicine.

A full cardiac rehabilitation service is also provided to ensure that patients recover quickly and regain their quality of life after treatment.

GI/General Surgery: Minor and General Surgery is undertaken by both Upper and Lower GI surgeons. The Colorectal Surgical service is involved in the diagnosis, management and treatment of all conditions affecting the lower bowel.

As a sub-specialty of general surgery, it also offers treatment for a variety of general surgical conditions. There is an established enhanced recovery programme for laparoscopic surgical procedures.

The enhanced recovery programme is led by Colorectal Nurse Specialists – patients are identified specifically and attend an enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) school prior to their admission to hospital.

The Upper GI team provide a comprehensive regional service for patients with both simple and complex benign and malignant gastro-oesophageal disease and sarcomas in addition to general surgery.

All the surgeons participate in the on-call emergency surgical rota and during Winter 2013 the surgical assessment unit will open as a dedicated emergency admissions/assessment unit for surgical patients.

GI Medicine/Endoscopy: The GI Medicine team includes gastroenterologists, clinical nurse specialists and a team of ward-based gastroenterology nurses, plus specialist dieticians working both on the GI ward and in GI outpatient clinics.

GI endoscopy is delivered in two endoscopy units – one designated for inpatients and one for outpatients. QEHB offer a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy including upper GI endoscopy, colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP).

Liver Medicine & Surgery: The Liver Unit offers a complete range of medical and surgical management covering the full spectrum of liver, biliary and pancreatic diseases.

QEHB is a designated centre for liver and pancreatic cancer; patients are managed in conjunction with oncologists from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Cancer Centre and other regional oncology centres.

The surgical component of the Liver Unit provides a regional service for hepatic-pancreatic-biliary (HPB) surgery and a supra-regional service for liver transplantation. It is the largest unit in the UK performing approximately 200 liver transplants, 150 major liver resections and 120 major pancreatic resections per year.



The unit services a local catchment area of 5.6 million people, together with a significant number of extra-regional referrals. There is an established non-heart beating donor programme and the unit has recently started a live donor liver transplant programme. The surgical wards have designated observation beds where patients are looked after following major liver surgery and transplantation.

Renal Medicine: QEHB's renal service is the largest in Europe and supports all patients from GP referral through to transplantation. The inpatient ward provides care for all patients with a renal medical diagnosis. This ward has a unique level two facility where patients can be monitored under increased surveillance such as post transplantation surgery.

The ward has a skilled renal workforce to care for all renal medical patients and acute kidney injury which amount to about 500 cases per year of which around 250 require acute dialysis.

Ward 305 cares for renal surgical patients and vascular patients, many with multiple complex problems. The ward is the main base for transplant patients - both cadaveric and living-related once the patient has left the level two facilities.

Renal Surgery: The Renal Surgery Unit works alongside the renal medicine clinic. Patients may be referred to see a renal surgeon for a variety of reasons, such as fistula, transplantation, parathyroid, hernia, or Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD). The ward is the main base for transplant patients - both cadaveric and living related once the patient has left the level two facilities.

Renal Dialysis Unit: Acute patients who require dialysis are treated on the dialysis unit in an environment that can support all their needs and emergency situations, 24 hours a day.

This ward can provide up to 40 treatments per session in a combination of side rooms and open plan bays. Whilst most of the planned dialysis is performed during the day there is also an on-call service.

Dialysis nurses are trained in managing extracorporeal circuit therapies so provide treatments such as plasma exchange, lipid removal therapies and treatment preparations prior to transplantation and research studies.

For patients that are considered too sick to be treated at a satellite dialysis facility, the unit also provides long term dialysis support and care for patients with multiple complex modalities also requiring long term dialysis.

Vascular Surgery: The vascular unit deals with both elective and emergency management of patients with vascular disease it encompasses the prevention of stroke with carotid endarterectomy, treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms and lower limb salvage with arterial leg bypasses. The unit boasts both open vascular and endovascular expertise for these treatments.

Division C

Accident & Emergency: QEHB was designated a Major Trauma Centre in April 2012, receiving the most seriously injured patients from across the West Midlands.

Specialist teams treat the most complex injuries suffered by victims including massive internal bleeding, brain injury, multiple fractures and cardiac failure.

In the MTC's first year, more than 1,000 of the region's most severely injured casualties came through the front doors of QEHB.

The Emergency Department includes an ambulatory care area with eight cubicles; fully equipped six-bay resuscitation room; 16 cubicles for trolley cases; 4 cubicles for streaming ambulant cases; ophthalmology/ENT room and plaster room.

Clinical Decision Unit: CDU is the emergency admissions and assessment unit for the hospital where both GPs and clinics refer patients for urgent assessment/admission.

In addition, emergency admissions who initially present in the Emergency Department will frequently be admitted via this unit. The unit is a busy and a fast-paced environment, staff care and treat patients with a range of illnesses and conditions whom will have varying levels of dependency and severity.

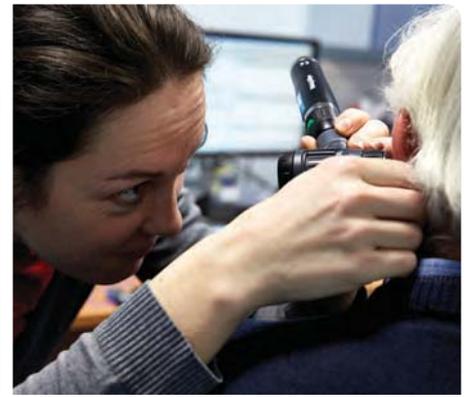
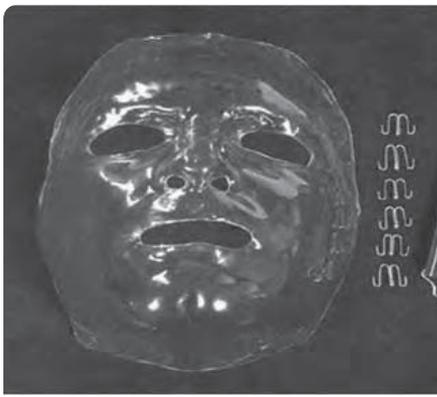
The CDU comprises of 40 beds, assessment and acute clinic bays, and monitored beds. The unit has an induction programme as well as ongoing professional development. Staff will be able to develop skills in assessment, triage, and care of the acutely ill patient.

Stroke: Consultant neurologists and geriatricians with special interest in stroke deliver an acute stroke service which includes daily trans-ischemic attack (TIA) clinics and thrombolysis (clot-busting treatment). There are also links to Moseley Hall Hospital rehabilitation unit.

Dermatology: The Dermatology department offers a full range of dermatology services and is a tertiary referral centre for skin oncology, cutaneous lymphoma and toxic epidermal necrolysis. In addition it offers specialist clinics for adolescent dermatology, severe psoriasis, genital dermatology and HIV.

The department has close links with Birmingham Children's Hospital and Birmingham Women's Hospital and has a multi disciplinary team approach in collaboration with colleagues in burns and plastics, oncology, haematology, gynaecology, rheumatology and genitourinary medicine.

Diabetes: The Diabetes Centre provides diabetes education, advice and treatment for patients with diabetes. Five diabetes consultants work closely with clinical nurse specialists for diabetes, podiatrists and dieticians to provide multi-disciplinary care for patients. The diabetes clinics provide near-patient testing for diabetes control (Haemoglobin A1c), renal function and lipids. A camera for diabetes eye screening is also based in the clinic.



Endocrine: The Trust's endocrine department is a specialist referral centre which provides expert medical care to patients with a wide range of endocrine conditions from the West Midlands and beyond. The department combines provision of an excellent clinical service with an active, world-leading research programme. Conditions treated include thyroid disorders, pituitary disease, adrenal disease, reproductive disorders, neuroendocrine tumours and metabolic bone disease.

Multi-speciality and Elderly Medicine: The departments and wards in this specialty care for patients with a wide variety of medical issues and conditions warranting treatment in an acute hospital setting.

Patients are cared for by medical and nursing staff with an interest in general and acute medicine, who work towards helping people, regain their independence and help following an episode of sickness.

General Medicine incorporates a wide range of medical issues, and the medical staff often works in conjunction with other specialist teams to ensure patients receive the best care.

HIV: The HIV Department offers non-judgmental, comprehensive outpatient care and services for individuals living with HIV. Patients are seen by specialist HIV consultants and the HIV team, consisting of pharmacists, social workers, health advisers, dieticians, mental health counsellors, psychologists, psychiatrists, research nurses and a dedicated HIV nursing team.

Ophthalmology: The Ophthalmology Department treats about 30,000 outpatients every year for a wide range of eye conditions. The department provides both medical and surgical treatment, with four major areas of research activity: Neuro-ophthalmology; glaucoma; retinal disease; and inflammatory eye disease. QEHB is home to the Birmingham Neuro-ophthalmology Unit, the country's largest neuro-ophthalmology team. It is a globally respected centre for neuro-ophthalmology training and is developing its research portfolio.

Pain Services: The Pain Management Service provides an outpatient service to assist people with chronic pain. A multi-disciplinary team of doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and clinical psychologists offers education, advice, treatment and support. A variety of clinics are held each week by the service's three consultants. There are also doctor-only clinics to deal with specific problems, such as pain from nerve damage and pelvic pain, and clinics run by nurses to follow up patients after medication changes, providing education, advice and support.

Respiratory Medicine: The Department offers a full range of respiratory services. All respiratory referrals are accepted and specialist clinics are available for conditions ranging from asthma, bronchiectasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), interstitial lung disease (pulmonary fibrosis), lung cancer, lung transplantation, occupational and environmental lung disease, oxygen, and sleep apnoea and lung failure.

The department offers a range of assessment facilities including respiratory health work influences, effects of lung disease on work capabilities and work place assessment.

Rheumatology: The Rheumatology Unit aims to provide comprehensive care for all patients with rheumatic diseases including rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and connective tissue diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and scleroderma. The rheumatology team has close links with many specialists in QEHB and more widely throughout the West Midlands, including the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. Therapy services including podiatry, appliances, physiotherapy and occupational therapy are all available at QEHB.

Division D

Plastics: QEHB is the regional Plastic Surgery Centre for the West Midlands and is the largest department of plastic surgery in the country, with 20 consultants. It is a specialist centre for hand surgery; breast reconstruction; skin oncology; trauma reconstruction; and head and neck surgery.

Burns Centre: There is a separate specialist burns centre at QEHB, on the same level as Critical Care and the 23 main operating theatres. Burns and plastics are closely involved with the Major Trauma Centre and the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine.

ENT: Ear, nose and throat surgery is the specialty concerned with the diagnosis and management of diseases of the ears, nose, throat, salivary glands, and thyroid.

Within the Trust, the ENT department has a team of surgeons who provide a comprehensive service. All of the consultants have a surgical area of sub-specialty interest and expertise.

The specialist services are provided through multidisciplinary teams working with other surgical and medical specialties.

Hands: The Birmingham Hand Centre services include microvascular reconstruction, complex wrist injuries and nerve disorders including traumatic adult brachial plexus reconstruction.

Elective hand surgery is undertaken both at the QEHB and at the nearby Royal Orthopaedic Hospital. Many procedures are undertaken as day cases through the ambulatory care unit using a comprehensive upper limb regional anaesthetic block service.

The service continues to develop and expand with further sub-specialty areas being developed, including upper limb spasticity and neurological reconstruction.

Haematology: The specialist medical and nursing staff operate the haematology ward and the day unit (with cell separator facilities), the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, as well as the West Midlands Adult Comprehensive Care Haemophilia Centre (offering a direct referral service for the investigation and diagnosis of hereditary and acquired bleeding disorders and thrombophilia states).

The haematology service also provides a regional referral centre for haematology and bone marrow transplants, and day unit facilities at QEHB for day cases, plasma exchange and bone marrow harvesting.

Maxillofacial: Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the surgical specialty concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting the mouth, jaw, face and neck.



The specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery is unique in requiring a dual qualification in medicine and dentistry. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons work in multi-disciplinary teams alongside other specialists including orthodontists, oncologists, ear, nose and throat surgeons, neurosurgeons, and plastic surgeons.

Neurology: The Queen Elizabeth Neuroscience centre is a regional unit catering for the West Midlands and surrounding areas. The regional centre has 8 full-time consultant neurologists and more than 20 other consultants plus clinical nurse specialists.

Regular specialist clinics are undertaken in Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, motor neuron disease, botulinum toxin, neuromuscular diseases, stroke, neuroimmunology and neuro-rehabilitation.

Neurosurgery: Neurosurgery offers a regional service to patients requiring emergency or elective cranial and spinal surgery. The department also works very closely with trauma in providing a multi-disciplinary service to patients admitted through the Major Trauma Centre.

In addition to the neurosurgery trained nursing staff on the wards, the team also has the following specialist nurses: Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist; Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist Neuro Oncology; Syringomyelia/CSF Specialist Nurse; Neurosurgery Nurse Practitioner, and Head Injury Specialist Nurse.

Oncology: QEHB provides a comprehensive cancer service both in terms of the inpatient and outpatient setting. The hospital has state of the art radiotherapy including TomoTherapy and CyberKnife, which arrived in Birmingham in May 2013, as well as a comprehensive drug treatment (chemotherapy) and surgical facility delivered by an experienced and respected consultant body.

Trauma: QEHB is a specialist centre for trauma care and research and in March 2012 was awarded Major Trauma Centre status to treat the most seriously injured patients from across the West Midlands.

The hospital has a designated 24/7 trauma service capable of delivering specialist care to adults with any injuries including major head injuries, severe knife or gunshot wounds, spinal injuries and amputations.

The trauma service provides the full range of required, co-located specialists, including orthopaedics, neurosurgery and radiology teams.

Urology: The Trust treats a broad spectrum of conditions such as benign complaints, including continence problems, stones, problematic bladders, male potency and fertility problems and diseases of the prostate and also malignant conditions.

Locate: The In House Staff Bank

The large Staff Bank consists of:

- Internal staff employed by the Trust – staff can work extra shifts in addition to their substantive hours.
- External staff who do not have a permanent contract with the Trust – staff employed on a zero hours contact working ad-hoc shifts
- Permanent pool nurse posts –staff employed by Locate on a permanent fixed hour's contract, allocated on a daily basis according to clinical need.

All bank staff must attend mandatory training updates and have experience and competency relevant to the role.

Staff Training and Development: We have a large Learning and Development and Clinical Education Department which provide a wide range of training and development opportunities.

The wide range of both clinically focused and leadership programs on offer provide clinical staff opportunities to develop their career pathway in a supportive environment.

All Health Care Practitioners/nurses undergo a Trust-wide induction prior to departmental induction upon commencing their post.

The Clinical Education and Skills teams provide a variety of skills based and competency based programs. Clinical specialties support staff in practice through both Practice and Professional Development staff.

There is a number of ways that learning beyond registration is supported internally and externally via formal educational routes.



Moving to Birmingham – the essential guide

Finding accommodation

As you'd expect, different neighbourhoods have a different lifestyle and price associated with them. So make sure you research your chosen location well before you move so you know what to expect.

Areas such as Selly Oak, Bearwood, Edgbaston, Stirchley and Kings Norton offer affordable property rental options and have good public transport links to the hospital. Areas such as Kings Heath, Harborne and Moseley offer a good selection of family accommodation.

Letting agents

There are dozens of letting agencies based on the Bristol Road in Selly Oak and High Street in Bearwood:

- www.room4every1.com
0121 471 1195
- www.surelet.co.uk
0121 429 7080
- www.thelettingstore.com
0121 533 3133
- www.britanniapropertyservices.com
0121 472 2200

Rental property search websites:

- www.rightmove.co.uk
- www.zoopla.co.uk
- www.gumtree.com
- www.spareroom.co.uk

When renting property in Birmingham

Transportation links – Before signing a tenancy agreement anywhere, you should be sure to walk to the nearest transportation links, catch the bus, train at rush hour and see how long it takes you to get to other key areas.

In general, though, walking proximity to a rail station is highly sought after. A bus stop nearby is the next best thing.

Furnishings – Some flats and homes may be rented furnished, with basics. If a flat is advertised as furnished, be sure to determine exactly what is provided.

If something is in a particularly poor state, ask to have it replaced; it is the landlord's responsibility to provide the basics, in good repair, in a furnished flat.

Bond/deposit - Most, if not all, rental arrangements will require you to pay a bond/deposit, which is usually equivalent to a full month's rent. You will usually get this bond back after you have moved out and the place has been inspected.

Guarantors – Some letting agents will insist that you have a UK guarantor, which is difficult for staff who have just moved to the UK.

Housing Hand is an organisation that provides a rent guarantee service.

You will need to pay this company the equivalent of one month's rent, but you will get 50% of this back at the end of your tenancy agreement. For more information go to www.housinghand.co.uk or call 0207 205 2625.

Council Tax – is a compulsory tax levied by the local government or borough council and is paid by all residents of that borough or neighbourhood. When you sign a tenancy agreement and rent a flat, be sure you have received all the information on the Council Tax due for that property.

The Council Tax invoice will be posted to your address and it is to be paid by those who have signed the tenancy agreement. Budget about £50 + per person per month depending on the area you live.

Heating/electricity – Be sure to find out how the property is heated. Electric heating is expensive and is therefore not ideal.

Some flats and houses have gas central heating. Beware of renting a flat that shares a heating system with other flats as you lose some usage and cost control of the heating.

Gas and electricity could be around £50 per month as a general budget figure.

Water – Water utility charges vary from area to area, but you need to allow around £20 per month.

How to register with a General Practitioner (GP)

We advise you to register with a local GP as soon as possible after your arrival in Birmingham. You can find a list of GPs near you on NHS Choices

www.nhs.uk/service-search

You will need to contact the GP surgery and ask to register with them. They will usually ask you to complete a GMS1 form giving details such as:

- your name and address
- your date of birth
- your NHS number (if you know it)
- other information, such as the name and address of your previous GP

Some GP surgeries will also ask to see proof of your identity, for example:

- Photo identification, such as your passport or driving licence.
- Proof of your address, such as a recent utility bill (gas, electricity, water or phone bill, but not a mobile phone bill) or council tax bill.

The GP surgery will send the GMS1 to the local clinical



commissioning group (CCG) who will write to you confirming that you're registered with the surgery.

When you register with a new GP surgery, you'll be invited to make an appointment for a health check within six months. They are usually carried out by the practice nurse, who will ask you about your personal and family medical history.

How to register with a Dentist

If you want NHS dental treatment, you will first need to find out which dentists in your area provide NHS treatment, and then find one who is prepared to accept you for a course of treatment as an NHS patient.

Some dentists do not provide NHS treatment, or only provide treatment to certain groups of people, for example children, or people in receipt of benefits or tax credits.

Not all dentists who provide NHS treatment have to take you on as an NHS patient. If they are unable to take you on, they should tell you that you can go to another dentist.

You don't have to register with a dentist in order to get NHS treatment, but your dentist may keep a list of regular patients and provide ongoing treatment and care.

To find a list of NHS dentists in your area you will need to phone NHS Direct on: 0845 4647, or look on their website at: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Getting to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

By train/bus:

Train

- 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.
- University Station is on the Cross City line. There are trains approximately every 10 minutes from New Street station in Birmingham city centre.
- A minibus service is also available, which carries patients, visitors and staff from University station to the Birmingham Women's Hospital, both the old and new Queen Elizabeth Hospital buildings and the Mental Health Trust.
- The bus runs approximately every 20 minutes between 07:00 and 19:00, Monday – Friday.

Bus

The hospital is easily accessible by a number of National Express West Midlands bus services. Bus services to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital include:

- 11A & 11C Outer Circle: Perry Barr, Bearwood, Cotteridge, Kings Heath, Acocks Green, Erdington, Perry Barr
- 76 from Solihull, Shirley, Kings Heath, Selly Oak
- 84 from Hawkesley, Selly Oak, Kings Norton Station and Cotteridge

- 48 from West Bromwich, Bearwood and Harborne
- 98 from Northfield, Selly Oak, Bartley Green and City Centre
- 99 from City Centre, Harborne, Quinton and Halesowen

For more information, please visit the Travel West Midlands website for a detailed breakdown of bus services, including times and routes nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/links/hospitals/queen-elizabeth-hospital.

Paying for your bus travel

There are several different ways you can pay to travel via bus - from paying as you go, or by investing in a pre-paid travel card.

Pay as you go

You can pay a set fare for a single journey on the bus; they differ in price depending on how long your journey is.

Travel Cards

A Travel Card is a prepaid card that allows you to travel on all National Express West Midland buses for the period it's valid for. You can purchase a wide range of different Travel cards from the West Midlands website: nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/tickets-prices/travelcards.

Discounted travel passes

As the Trust is affiliated to Travelwise, employees are entitled to a discounted travel card covering bus, rail and Midland Metro, or any combination.

For more information on this offer, please see the staff travel card information and application form or email the Trust Travel Co-ordinator. Email: TravelCo-ordinator@uhb.nhs.uk.

Information about Childcare and Education Childcare

There are a range of different types of child care options available including childminders, day nurseries, pre-school play groups, nursery schools, out-of-school clubs, or holiday play schemes.

Generally, childminders are the most affordable option and work between 7.30am and 6pm.

If you would like to see a full list of child care providers, or you are struggling to find suitable child care please visit the Family Information Service section on the Birmingham City Council website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/childcare

The Trust also works together with childcare voucher providers who are paid directly from your monthly salary.

Education System

Whether applying for Primary or Secondary education, you will need to apply either online (using the link below) or return your completed preference form to School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service by early December: eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php

For more information on the complete process of applying for schooling in Birmingham, please visit the Birmingham City Council www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Once you start work at the Trust, you will have full access to the organisation's internal website. This intranet site provides staff with vast information resources. The intranet site can only be accessed by computers located in the Trust.

To find out useful information about working at the hospital, go to the staff handout downloads on the intranet site: [uhbhome/staff-handbooks.htm](#)

These handbooks were published when the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham opened, and contains useful information about parking, services within the hospital and facilities available to staff.

Living in the UK's second city

Birmingham is the UK's largest city, outside of the capital London, with over one million residents. You will find lots of entertainment venues and places of interest to visit around the city and wider region.

The following list of websites will provide you with information

about the various entertainment options and places of interest around the city.

This list is not exhaustive, so feel free to ask your new fellow colleagues for recommendations.

- www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite/entertainment?packedargs=website%3D4
- www.cityvisitor.co.uk/birmingham/entertainment.html
- www.places-to-visit.co.uk/Midlands.php
- www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/local-to-you/midlands

With such a diverse culture in Birmingham, you will find food from all continents of the world ranging from Thai, Indian and Chinese to good old fashioned British Pub Food. Again, the best recommendations will come from the locals, but these websites will point you in the right direction.

- www.restaurant-guide.com/uk+midlands-west+westmidlands+birmingham.htm
- www.thegreatfoodguide.com/list-atoz.aspx
- www.eat-the-midlands.co.uk