

# HEALTHCARE



Only some students can have free healthcare in the UK, using the National Health Service (NHS) system.

European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss nationals, and their family, are advised to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before coming to the UK for free treatment.

Are you from a country with a reciprocal health agreement with Britain? To find out if your country has a health agreement with the UK, follow [this NHS link](#).

**Students with Tier 4 visas who have paid the NHS surcharge of £150 per six months.**

Students that are not entitled to free treatment should take out medical insurance before arrival or as soon as possible after arrival. Private medical treatment is very expensive!

## **Registering with a GP (General Practitioner doctor):**

A GP can prescribe medication or refer you to a specialist.

**If you can have free NHS treatment, register with a GP as soon as possible after arrival.**

To register, you will need photo ID and proof of address.

You will receive an NHS card with a number which you will need to have to get NHS treatment.

Find the nearest doctor with [this NHS link](#).

In an emergency, you should go to a hospital (Accident and Emergency department) or call an ambulance (telephone 999).

There is an NHS Walk-in Health Centre near the school at:  
1 Frith Street (off Soho Square), London, W1D 3QS.

It is open every day for healthcare, information, advice and treatment; no appointment is necessary.

**For a quick solution when the medical issue is NOT an emergency:**

**Call NHS Direct on 111 for 24-hour nurse advice and health information.**

## **Women's Health Problems:**

Contraception and birth control advice is free for students entitled to free NHS treatment. Go to your GP or your local [NHS Family Planning Clinic](#).

Advice on pregnancy and family planning can also be obtained from private agencies registered with the Department of Health, such as:

## **British Pregnancy Advisory Service:**

45 Columbo Street, London, SE1 8EE

Tel: 03457304030

Website: [www.bpas.org](http://www.bpas.org)

## **Dentists:**

If you are registered with a doctor for NHS medical treatment, you can go to an NHS dentist. Find dentists here: <https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentist/LocationSearch/3>

There is a charge for dental treatment under the NHS. For more information about NHS dental charges, please see here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/dental-health/how-much-will-i-pay-for-nhs-dental-treatment/>

Closest dentist to UKCE:

Soho Dental Care, 2nd Floor, 1 Frith Street, Soho Square, London O20 7534 6622

## **Opticians:**

Eye tests are available from any optician. It costs around £20. Lenses and frames for glasses can cost £50 or more, depending on what you choose.