

You have the right to choose where you receive NHS treatment

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Need to see a specialist

for diagnosis or treatment – you can choose where you go.



More than a 2-week wait

before seeing a specialist for suspected cancer – you have the right to be referred to a different hospital.



More than an 18-week wait

before treatment for a non-urgent condition – you have the right to be referred to a different hospital.



NHS patients are waiting ever longer for care. It's therefore important patients exercise their right to choose where they are treated to get the quickest possible care.

Choose where to be treated

by asking your GP to go through your options, or by visiting NHS Choices website.

Think about what's important to you

when choosing where to be treated, such as location, waiting times and care quality ratings.



Not happy with the choices

you've been offered – contact your local clinical commissioning group.



Whether you choose to receive NHS treatment in an NHS or independent hospital, you won't have to pay for your care and the cost to the taxpayer is the same.

For more information visit NHS England's website or contact the Independent Healthcare Providers Network

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