

Whatever your reason...

...it's your right to choose.

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It's your choice

Since April 2008, if your GP needs you to see a specialist, you can choose to go to any hospital in England, including many private and independent sector hospitals.* You can choose the hospital with the best reputation or shortest waiting times, or simply the one that is most convenient for you.

For more information, ask your GP practice or visit our website.

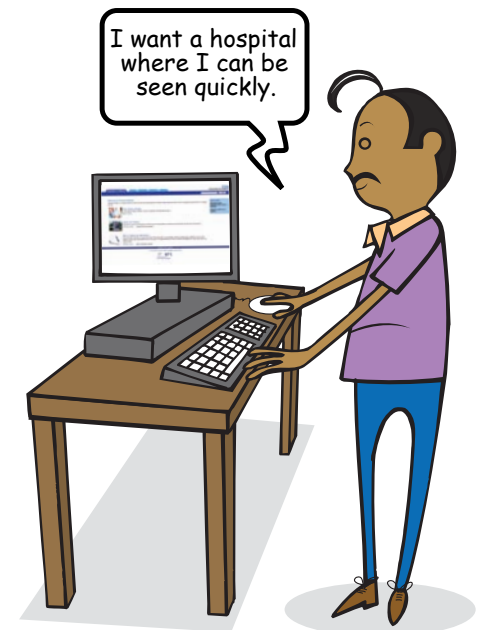
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*You may not be given a choice when referred to mental health services or where speed of access is important, such as suspected stroke, heart attack or cancer.

Check your choices

If your doctor refers you or a member of your family to hospital – you/they have the right to choose when and where you/they are treated.

Your GP will let you know which hospitals or clinics you could attend.



Find and compare hospitals

You can choose for reasons which matter to you. This could be how easy it is to get there, the parking arrangements, infection rates, the reputation of the hospital or it's location.

Search on www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories for information to help you make your choice.

Remember it's **your** choice to suit **your** needs, so talk it through with family or friends.

Book an appointment

Book through your GP practice or online www.nhs.uk or telephone **0845 608 8888**