

# You have the right to choose where you receive NHS treatment



**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.**



**Think about what's important to you**  
when choosing where to be treated, such as location, waiting times and care quality ratings.

**Choose where to be treated**  
by asking your GP to go through your options, or by visiting NHS Choices website.



**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.**