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.

For more information visit NHS England’s website or contact the NHS Partners Network on: nhspn@nhsconfed.org @nhspartners