

Your Guide to Health Costs

GP Charges: Nearly all services provided by your GP are free. However if you are a visitor from overseas you may be asked to pay to see a GP. Your GP can charge for some services, such as travel vaccinations and examinations or medical reports for employers or insurance. You should not have to pay for any information requested from your doctor by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) for example when applying for benefits. If you are unsure about any charges your GP asks you to pay check with Islington Primary Care Trust (PCT) or Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).



Visiting the dentist: Look at the chart on the other side of this leaflet to see if you get free dental treatment. If not you can still get NHS dental treatment which costs less than private dental care. Islington PCT has a list of NHS



dentists and details of what languages they speak. Remember! Interpreters can be arranged by the dentist if you need one.



Islington PALS: 020 7527 1182

Islington PCT: 020 7527 1086/7

If you are refused health care because of your immigration status call the Refugee Council: 020 7346 6777

If you are:	Prescriptions	Sight tests	Glasses	NHS dental care	Travel to consultant	How to apply for help with costs	Where to apply for help with costs
Over 60	Free	Free	–	–	–	automatic	–
On Pension Credit Guarantee, JSA, Income Support	Free	Free	V	Free	Free	automatic	–
In a care home supported by Local Authority	C	C	C V	C	C	Form HC1 (sc) to get HC2 or HC3 certificate	Form from care home manager or call 0845 850 1166
An asylum seeker: supported by IND	Free	Free	V	Free	Free	Automatic: will be sent HC2 certificate	–
An asylum Seeker: failed or not supported by IND	C	C	C V	C	C	Form HC1 to get HC2 or HC3 certificate	Form from hospital or Jobcentre Plus or call 0845 850 1166
On Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit	C	C	C V	C	C	Apply for Tax Credit Exemption certificate	Call 0845 609 9299
On a low income	C	C	C V	C	C	Form HC1 to get HC2 or HC3 certificate	Form from hospital or Jobcentre Plus or call 0845 850 1166

C = Possibly cheaper or free **V** = Vouchers towards the cost IND: Immigration and Nationality Directorate
 HC2 certificate gives you full help with costs HC3 certificate gives you some help with costs