

Radiology Department – MRI Patient Information Sheet

Welcome

Your GP has referred you for an MRI scan at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. **We will contact you** to make an appointment for your MRI; we may call or send you a letter in the post. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date at your GP Surgery.

It is very important that you attend for your scan appointment or contact the department if you cannot come on the date or time arranged.

You will be offered an appointment at one of these sites:

Queen's Medical Centre (QMC)

MRI Department, A Floor, West Block, QMC, Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2UH

City Hospital

MRI Department, Physiotherapy Corridor, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1PB

Treatment Centre

Gateway C, Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2UH

Woodthorpe Hospital

748 Mansfield Road, Woodthorpe NG5 3FZ

Loughborough University – National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine

NCSEM – HEBS 2 building, Towers way, LE11 3TU

How do we manage your referral for MRI?

When your GP makes your referral for MRI, they will have decided if the request is urgent or routine. Your Radiology referral will be checked by our Radiologists against national clinical guidelines and occasionally, a GP referral may not be accepted – in those cases, we will send an explanation and advice to your GP.

If your referral is accepted you will be placed onto one of our waiting lists.

- Urgent waiting list is within 4 weeks
- Routine waiting list is currently 4-6 months

You may have to wait longer if you have a device in situ such as a Pacemaker, Gastric Band, Spinal Cord Stimulator or Cochlear Implant as we require additional support for these type of MRI scans if they are MRI Conditional.

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What is an MRI scan?

MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging. An MRI scan uses a combination of a strong magnet and radio waves, together with an advanced computer system to produce detailed pictures of the inside of your body. After your examination, you are free to go home and resume your daily activities.

What should you expect when you come for your appointment?

We aim to keep to appointment times, however occasionally delays may occur and our staff will keep you informed. Depending on your examination, you may be asked to change into a hospital gown.

How will I receive my MRI scan results?

After your scan your images will be reviewed and reported by a Radiologist. The report will be sent to your GP. Please be aware that the MRI department will not be able to give you the report directly.

How do I get to the Hospital?

By public transport

Both QMC and City are easily accessible by bus services and QMC is on the Tram Network.

Medilink – Park and Ride

The Medilink service runs every 10 minutes between 4.50am and 9pm, Monday to Friday. The service links the two main hospital sites and the Wilkinson Street and Queen's Drive park and ride sites. There are additional stops at the junction of Nuthall Road and Crown Island. Information on the Medilink and Park and Ride charges can be found on the Trust website; [Medilink and Park and Ride | NUH](#)

There is a cheaper pay as you go charge for patients and visitors if using pre-paid Robin Hood tickets than paying in cash for each journey. The service is free to any city and county resident concessionary fares (only after 9:30am) and prepaid Robin Hood season pass holders.

Parking

Whilst you can park on site, spaces are limited. If you do choose to drive, please allow extra time for parking. Information on parking and charges can be found on the Trust website;

QMC and the Treatment Centre - [Travel by car and parking | NUH](#)

City Hospital - [Travel by car and parking | NUH](#)