



## Nationality is not a passport for free healthcare

If you are a British national living abroad, you may have to pay for NHS hospital treatment. Before you travel - please make sure you have health insurance or have an EHIC from the country you currently reside in.

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The team will require evidence from the overseas patient to determine if they need to pay for their treatment. Visitors who are ordinarily resident in the UK or who fall within certain exemption categories will not need to pay. The overseas team will investigate and determine this.

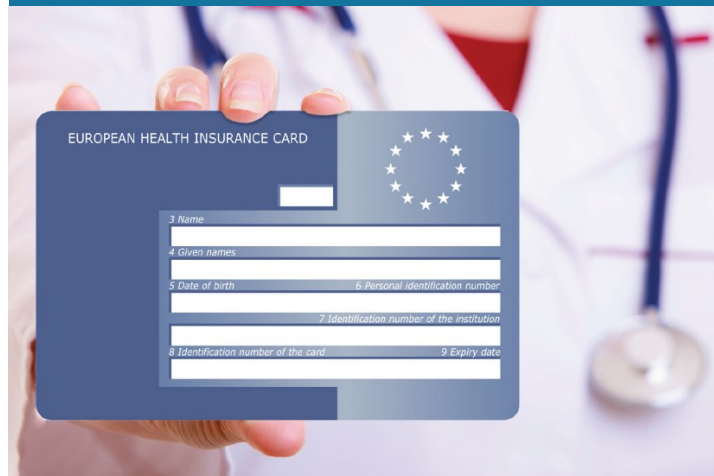
**If you are a GP and you think you have an overseas patient please contact:**

**PRH - (01952) 641222 Ext: 4220**

**RSH - (01743) 261000 Ext: 1489**

**We can investigate the patient's eligibility for care for you before they are referred to SaTH.**

## EHIC - Get it, bring it, use it



Visiting or studying from an EEA\* country? Please show your European Health Insurance Card at reception, otherwise you may be charged for the healthcare you receive.

\*Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. EEA also refers to Switzerland for the purposes of this poster.



## NHS healthcare is not free for everyone

NHS hospital treatment is free for anyone living in the UK on a lawful and settled basis. You may be asked to prove where you live. If proof is not provided you may be charged in advance of any treatment given.

### NHS treatment is not free to everyone – some patients will need to supply evidence of residency to avoid payment.

Visitors to the United Kingdom may need to pay for their NHS treatment received at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital. The NHS is not free to everyone and overseas visitors must be charged for specified services, including NHS hospital services, under the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Regulations 2011./OSV Guidance October 2017. Payment goes towards the NHS doctors and nurses who provide their care. If you think you may have an overseas patient please contact the Overseas Team on the numbers provided.