

Department of Health and Social Care

Primary Care

Procedure for students moving to the UK

Students moving to the UK to attend university will be asked by their University to register with a GP in the area where they will be studying. It is important that they do this so that if they have any medical issues while at university they will be able to see a GP. It also means that the GP at their university will hold their most up to date medical record and that, if required, any referrals for hospital or community services will be done with ease.

It is appreciated that many students come back to the Island for extended period of time during their study. During the time they are back on the Island, students will be able to see a GP if they need to. They will do so on the basis of being a 'temporary resident'. This enables the students medical record to remain with their registered GP.

Although ordinarily patients who cease to be residents and therefore cease to be registered with a GP on the island would also cease to be recalled for on-going secondary (hospital) care, in the case of students Nobles Hospital does retain on-going appointments for university students in order to maintain continuity of care. There may be certain patients where it is necessary to transfer on-going care to the UK – this would be applicable where for example, there is likely to be significant on-going care. This would be subject to discussion between the patient and the relevant consultant.

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