



Veterans' Orthopaedic Service

We look forward to caring for you at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital. To access our Veterans' Orthopaedic Service please read the following information carefully.

Referrals start at your local GP Practice (except in Northern Ireland). Where necessary, prior funding arrangements with your local Health Board or Commissioning Group will need to be in place.

Specific area requirements are as set out in the table below:

England	Under <i>Patient Choice</i> within England you can be referred to a provider of your choice, your GP will advise you of the process. Compliance with our local Value Bases Commissioning policy will apply in all cases. More information about this is available on our website.
Wales	Your GP must follow the Welsh Veteran Policy before you can be referred out of area and treatment may be offered locally.
Northern Ireland	Current Northern Ireland rules prohibit referral to England unless funding has been approved. Please note: funding can only be arranged by a Consultant Surgeon in Northern Ireland.
Scotland	Funding will need to be agreed by the relevant Health Board prior to referral.
Republic of Ireland	Overseas patient arrangements to access free NHS treatment will depend on individual circumstances. Please contact the Overseas Healthcare Services on 0191 218 1999 or visit planning your healthcare abroad . <i>Please note: rules may differ from other EEA countries.</i>
EU Countries	Overseas patient arrangements to access free NHS treatment will depend on individual circumstances. Please contact the Overseas Healthcare Services on 0191 218 1999 or visit planning your healthcare abroad .
Outside of the EU	People who live outside the EEA, including former UK residents, should make sure they are covered by personal health insurance. Anyone who does not have insurance will be charged at 150% of the NHS national tariff for any care they receive. Please contact Overseas Healthcare Services on 0191 218 1999 for further information or visit planning your healthcare abroad .

For more information on our Veterans' Service, please go to www.rjah.nhs.uk/veterans.

Thank you.

