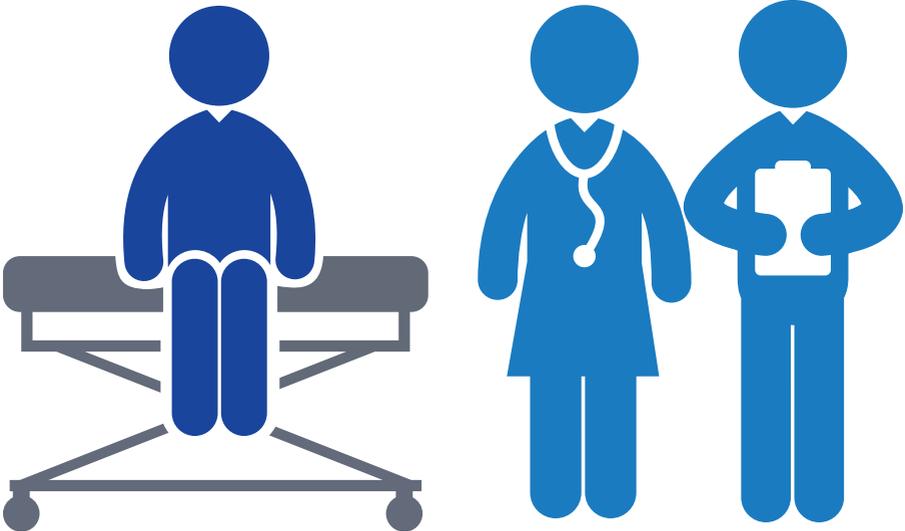


# A guide to where you will have your operation

Information for patients



The opening of the new Chase Farm Hospital later this year has given us a fantastic opportunity to use our hospitals in a different way to deliver world class care to our patients.

A key opportunity we have is to change the way we use operating theatres across our hospitals to improve care. To do this, over the next few months we'll be bringing our specialist teams even closer together to perform operations. This will give our patients the best care and experience for the type of treatment they need.

## **What is changing?**

We will be moving some of our elective (planned) surgical work to Chase Farm Hospital. This will help us to free up space at Barnet Hospital for medical and surgical emergencies and at the Royal Free Hospital for specialist services. These changes will help us use our facilities and staff in the most effective and efficient way.

Chase Farm Hospital will be the main location for elective surgery for the following services:

- orthopaedics
- ear, nose and throat
- maxillofacial
- general surgery
- gynaecology

The Royal Free Hospital will be the main location for specialist surgery, for example breast, vascular, colorectal and transplant surgery.

## **What does this mean for you?**

Patients who need an operation will have their surgery at the best hospital for their needs – this means you may have your operation at a different hospital to where you have your out-patient appointment or follow-up care. If you have other medical conditions, these will be carefully considered when deciding which hospital is the most appropriate location for your operation.

At your pre-assessment appointment, the nurse will tell you where you will be having your operation – you will also receive an admissions letter confirming the full details of your operation, including the date, location and instructions you need to follow.

If you've already been given a date and location for your surgery, we'll get in touch with you directly by phone or letter if the location of your operation changes.

## **When will these changes start?**

We've started moving some surgery to Chase Farm Hospital already and over the next few months more moves will be taking place. You will be advised during your consultation, by phone or by letter where you will have your operation.

## **About us**

At the Royal Free London our vision is clear: to deliver world class expertise and local care. We combine globally recognised clinical expertise with local and friendly hospital care to represent the NHS at its best.

The same high quality care is provided at each of the hospitals within the Royal Free London and we are proud to have received a 'Good' rating across our hospitals from the Care Quality Commission in August 2016.

## **Barnet Hospital**

Barnet Hospital is located in Barnet in north London. The nearest tube station to the hospital is High Barnet on the Northern Line. From there it is a short bus ride, using routes 263, 107 or 307 from the station. The nearest train station is New Barnet, on the First Capital Connect line from Moorgate to Welwyn Garden City.

## **Chase Farm Hospital**

Chase Farm Hospital is located in Enfield in north London. The nearest railway station is Gordon Hill (0.4 miles) with direct rail links to Finsbury Park and Highbury and Islington. Oakwood station

on the Piccadilly Line is 2.4 miles away and there is a taxi office in the station. Buses 313, W8 and W9 also stop within the hospital grounds. The hospital is currently being rebuilt and the new Chase Farm Hospital is due to open later this year – it will be the newest and most digitally advanced hospital in the NHS. For more information about the new hospital visit: [www.royalfree.nhs.uk/cfh](http://www.royalfree.nhs.uk/cfh)

## **Royal Free Hospital**

The Royal Free Hospital is located in Hampstead in north London. The nearest train station to the hospital is Hampstead Heath on the London Overground network. The hospital is also a short up-hill walk from Belsize Park tube station on the Northern Line. There are lots of buses that pass by the Royal Free Hospital. Bus routes 24, 46, 168, 268 and C11 all serve the hospital.

**For more information about this, visit our website:  
[www.royalfree.nhs.uk/where-will-i-have-my-operation](http://www.royalfree.nhs.uk/where-will-i-have-my-operation)**

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