



Getting to Bournemouth Hospital

By car:

The hospital entrance is situated off Castle Lane East at The Cooperdean Roundabout. For sat nav users the postcode is BH7 7DW.

TIPS

* If your appointment is between 8am - 9am, 3pm – 4pm or 5pm - 6pm allow more time as this is peak traffic time and the road gets very busy.

By Bus:

Yellow Buses - For routes and timetables contact Yellow Buses on 01202 636000 or visit their website at www.yellowbuses.co.uk

Wilts and Dorset Buses - For routes and timetables contact Wilts and Dorset Buses on 01202 673555 or visit their website at www.morebus.co.uk

PTS (Patient Transport Services) supplied by E-zec:

This is a free service for those who are eligible. You must be registered with a Dorset GP and there is a strict criteria that you must meet before being eligible. For example if you require extra support during or after the journey or if travelling any other way would affect your health. Contact PTS to check your eligibility.

This is a door to door service but as it runs on a circuit, it means that waiting times for the return journey are variable.

Contact number: 0300 777 5555 option 1 (Mon-Fri 08:00 – 18:00)

Streamline Taxis Patient Car Service:

This is a private taxi company running a discounted fixed price, provided by a booking service. Currently costs for a single trip range from £5 to £13.75 depending upon the length of the journey.

Contact number: 01202 671993 and quote “Car Service” for more details.

SEDCAT (South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport) Hospital Hop Service:

This is a local community transport charity offering a door to door, wheelchair accessible shuttle service for patients to the Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals, picking up from the BH1 to BH11 areas. It has a low cost, fixed return fare of just £9, which is paid to the driver. Bookings need to be made in advance and can be done by telephone on 01202 399771. Some costs are refundable by the NHS so keep your receipt.

Please note that SEDCAT are not NHS providers and are not able to confirm whether you are eligible for the refund or how much of your costs will be refunded.

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* The PTS option is free but not everyone will fit its criteria. It is ideal and should be the first port of call for those who may require additional support because of medical or mobility issues. However, there can be long waiting times to return which can be quite frustrating.

* SEDCAT is the cheapest and most efficient option for those simply wishing to attend an appointment and return home as quickly as possible. SEDCAT is a good local charity running an excellent service.

Parking

At The Royal Bournemouth Hospital there are three main car parks:

Car Park A - located at the front of the hospital opposite the main entrance.

Car Park B - located at the side of the hospital

Car Park C - located at the rear of the hospital by the Eye Unit, Jigsaw Unit and Derwent Centre (this is the best car park to use for most of your appointments)

You will receive a ticket at the barriers on entry and payment is made at the pay stations before you return to your car. These pay stations accept coins, notes and card payments.

The ticket returned to you at the pay station is used at the car park exit to raise the barrier.