

Emergency Department

Emergency Departments provide the highest level of emergency care for patients, especially those with sudden and acute illness or severe trauma. Use the service appropriate to your need.

More Information

Emergency Departments: open every day.

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Antrim Area Hospital

Bush Road,
Antrim, BT41 2RL.
Telephone: 028 9442 6262.
Open 7 days a week, 24 hours.

Causeway Hospital

4 Newbridge Road,
Coleraine, BT52 1HS.
Telephone: 028 7034 6086.
Open 7 days a week, 24 hours.

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**You should always call 999
if someone is seriously ill or
injured and their life is at risk.**

Choose well and be prepared

The information in this leaflet will help you find the right expert care to meet your needs. Picking the service most appropriate to your symptoms means you get the right treatment in the right place.

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For the very young, the over 65s and all people with long term health issues, the cold weather can contribute to serious health problems. The good news is that by following a few tips, you can give yourself the best possible chance of staying well.

Get your free flu jab

Remember, if you're over 65, pregnant or with a long term health problem, you can get a free seasonal flu vaccination from your GP. In addition this year the vaccine will be offered to children aged two and three years and to those in school year primary six. For more information about the flu vaccine visit www.fluawareni.info.

Recover properly

If you do catch a cold or flu, make sure you:

- Stay at home, drink plenty of fluids and rest

- Eat if you feel able to
- Let a friend or neighbour know you are ill.

Stop things spreading

To prevent the spread of germs to others:

- Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water.

Stay warm

- Keep room temperature warm and comfortable
- Have regular hot drinks and hot meals that include fruit and vegetables.

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This leaflet is available in other Health Trust areas across Northern Ireland.

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Choose Well

Did you know there are a range of healthcare services available to help you find the right care?



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Make sure you Choose Well

Get the right treatment for you and help manage your health service resources

Choose well

for expert help and advice

Self-care

Self-care is the best choice to treat minor illnesses, ailments and injuries. A range of common illnesses and complaints, such as aches and pains, coughs, colds, upset stomachs and sore throats can be treated with over-the-counter medicines and plenty of rest. Remember, whether treated or not, most of these will get better.

Some self-care essentials

The following are available to buy over-the-counter:

- Paracetamol, aspirin, ibuprofen
- Rehydration mixtures
- Indigestion remedies
- Plasters
- Thermometer

Always follow the instructions on the pack.

Your local Pharmacy

Your local pharmacist can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without you having to wait for a GP appointment or going to your emergency department. Check with your local pharmacy for more details.

Remember: collect repeat prescriptions from your daytime GP surgery before the weekend or a public holiday. GP out of hours will only provide repeat prescriptions in exceptional circumstances.

More Information

Details of pharmacy rotas in your local area are published online at www.nidirect.gov.uk/choosewell

Your GP

GPs provide a range of services including medical advice, examinations, prescriptions and ongoing care for more longstanding or chronic conditions.

Out of hours

GP out of hours is available if you require **urgent** medical care when your GP surgery is closed. GP out of hours services operate from 6pm each weekday evening until your GP surgery opens the next morning and 24 hours on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. **Remember to telephone the service first.** The doctor or nurse will give you advice over the telephone, decide if you need to be seen by a doctor or will refer you to another service if required. Your GP surgery will have the contact details for your area.

More Information

Urgent GP out of hours care can be found by contacting your local GP surgery and also online at www.nidirect.gov.uk/choosewell

GP out of hours

Phone first

Dalriada Urgent Care

Telephone: 028 2566 3500.

Open Monday to Friday from 6pm - 7.30am.

Weekends and Bank Holidays, 24 hours.

If you need to be seen by a GP you will be given an appointment to attend an out of hours centre in Ballymena, Coleraine, Moneymore/Magherafelt or Whiteabbey.

Minor Injuries Unit

A Minor Injuries Unit can treat injuries that are not critical or life threatening, such as:

- Injuries to upper and lower limbs
- Broken bones, sprains, bruises and wounds
- Bites – human, animal and insect
- Burns and scalds
- Abscesses and wound infections
- Broken noses and nosebleeds and nose.
- Foreign bodies in the eyes

More Information

If you or a child over 5 years old suffers a minor injury you can go to the Minor Injuries Unit at Whiteabbey or Mid-Ulster Hospitals. Minor Injuries are also treated 24 hours each day for patients of all ages at both Antrim and Causeway Hospitals.

Minor Injuries Unit

Mid-Ulster Hospital

59 Hospital Road, Magherafelt, BT45 5EX. Telephone: 028 7936 6720.

Open from 9am - 5pm, Monday-Friday, **excluding public holidays.**

Whiteabbey Hospital

Doagh Road, Newtownabbey, Antrim, BT37 9RH.

Telephone: 028 9055 2635.

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