



Contact Details

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If you are unable to access any of the online information in this leaflet, get in touch with Healthwatch using the contact information and we can help.



Do you have a low income?

If you are on a low income, you may be able to receive financial help towards your prescription. The NHS have a low income scheme to help people.

The scheme covers:

- Prescription costs
- Dental costs
- Eye care costs
- Healthcare travel costs
- Wigs and fabric support
- You can apply for the scheme if your savings, investments or property (not including where you live) stay within the capital limit.

If you live in a care home, the capital limit is £23,250. For everyone else, it is £16,000.

Visit the NHS website to find out how to apply for the low income scheme and claim money back that you have already paid.

Help with health costs in Bury

Information leaflet about support available for health costs
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Check if you are eligible for free prescriptions

Answer a few questions online to find out what help you could get with the cost of your prescriptions and other NHS charges. It takes less than 5 minutes to do.

Go to www.gov.uk/help-nhs-costs or call the prescriptions helpline: 0300 330 1349

You are eligible for free NHS prescriptions if you:

- You are 60 or over
- You are under 16 years old
- You are 16, 17 or 18 years old and in full-time education
- You are pregnant or have had a baby in the last 12 months and have a valid [maternity exemption certificate](#)
- You have a continuing physical disability that stops you going out without help from another person, and you have a valid [medical exemption certificate](#)
- You hold a valid [war pension exemption certificate](#), and the prescription is for your disability
- You are an NHS inpatient
- You have a long-term health condition. People with certain medical conditions can get free NHS prescriptions by applying for a valid medical exemption certificate (MedEx)

You are entitled to a free prescription if you or your partner receive the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based job seekers allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Pension credit guarantee credit
- [Universal credit, and you meet the criteria](#)
- You are also entitled to free prescriptions if you are under 20 and a dependent of someone on these benefits.

Free medications and health items

- Any medicine that is administered in hospital or NHS walk-in centres is free (not if they prescribe you something to take away)
- Prescribed contraceptives
- Condoms -
- Treatments for most sexually transmitted diseases
- Medication for Tuberculosis
- Some mental health conditions (if the medicine has been prescribed under a community treatment order)



Prescription Prepayment Certificate



You can save money through a Prescription prepayment certificate (PPC). This certificate lets you pay a fee upfront to cover all your NHS prescriptions, including dental, no matter how many you need.

Costs for a prepayment certificate vary depending on the duration of the certificate:

- Three months cost £31.25 and will save you money if you get more than three prescriptions in three months.
- Twelve months cost £111.60 and will save you money if you get more than eleven prescriptions yearly.
- If you're prescribed Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), you are entitled to an [HRT PPC](#). The certificate costs £19.30, lasts 12 months, and will save you money if you get more than two prescriptions yearly. [Find out more about the HRT PPC and how to apply.](#)

You'll need an address to apply for a PPC or to the Low-Income Scheme (LIS). However, you can use a 'care of' or forwarding address if you don't have a fixed address.