



PATIENT CHOICE QUESTIONNAIRE

What is the survey about?

This survey is about the **most recent time** your GP referred you to the hospital or treatment centre named in the letter enclosed with this questionnaire

Who should complete the questionnaire?

The questions should be answered by the person named on the front of the envelope. If that person needs help to complete the questionnaire, the answers should be given from his/her point of view - not the point of view of the person who is helping.

Completing the questionnaire

For each question please tick \square clearly inside one box using a black or blue pen.

Sometimes you will find the box you have ticked has an instruction to go to another question. By following the instructions carefully you will miss out questions that do not apply to you.

Don't worry if you make a mistake; simply cross out the mistake and put a tick in the correct box.

Please do not write your name or address anywhere on the questionnaire.

Questions or help?

For more information about this questionnaire see the enclosed information sheet. You can also call the Picker Institute Europe FREEPHONE helpline number: **0800 783 2896**.

Taking part in this survey is voluntary. Your answers will be treated in confidence.

Think about the most recent time your GP referred you to a hospital/treatment centre when answering questions in this survey

Your referral

1. Did you discuss which hospital you might go to with any of the following people?

		Yes	No	Don't know/can't remember
a).	GP	D ₁	D ₂	D 3
b).	GP Receptionist	D 1	2 2	D 3
c).	Someone else in the GP surgery	D ₁	2	D 3
d).	Family /friends		2	D 3
e).	Telephone booking line advisor		2	3
f).	PALS / patient advisor	1	2	3
g).	Other (please write in box)	1	2 2	
		ou wanted to go to'	? I didn't hav preference	
3.	Were you offered a choice of hospital?			
	Yes $\Box_1 \rightarrow $ Go to 4			
	No $\square_2 \rightarrow $ Go to 11			
	Don't know \square_{3} \Rightarrow Go to 11			
4.	Who offered you that choice? (tick as mar	ny as apply)		
	GP	Telephone bo	oking line ac	lvisor \square_{5}
	GP receptionist	ln a letter rece consultation		P 🖸 6
	Someone else in the GP surgery	Other (<i>please</i>	write in box)
	PALS / patient advisor	4		

5.	How many	y choices o	of hospital	were y	ou offered?

	2	1	3 – 5	······ 2	More than 5 $\square_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$
6.	Were any of the	ose hosp	itals from the	private see	ctor?
	Yes			Don't kno	w/can't remember 🔲 3
	No				

Support with making your choice

7. Did any of the following people give you advice on which hospital you should go to?

	Yes	No	Don't know/can't remember
a). GP		2	3
b). GP Receptionist	D 1	2	D 3
c). Someone else in the GP surgery	_ 1		3
^{d).} Family / friends	D 1		D 3
e). Telephone booking line advisor	D 1		D 3
f). PALS / patient advisor	1	2 2	D 3
g). Other (please write in box)		2 2	3

8. Which, if any, of the following sources of information did you use to choose the hospital? *(tick as many as apply)*

GP
A booklet or leaflet about my choices \Box_2
NHS Choices website
Hospital/treatment centre website \square_{4}
Other internet site $\Box_{{\scriptscriptstyle 5}}$
Friends/family members
Own experience

1	Someone else at GP surgery \square_{*}
2	Local patient organisation \Box ,
3	Staff at clinical assessment or referral centre
4	Telephone booking line advisor
5	None of these $\Box_{_{12}}$
6	Other (please write in box)
7	

9. Were you given the right amount of information to help you choose a hospital?

Yes - about right
No - I would have liked more
No - I was given too much information \square_{3}

I didn't want any information..... \square_4

The hospital you chose

10. How important were each of the factors below in influencing which hospital you chose?

		Essential	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not Important
a).	Cleanliness	D ₁	D ₂	D 3	4
b).	Car parking	D 1	2	D 3	4
c).	Close to your home or work	1	D ₂	D 3	4
d).	Accessible on public transport	D 1	2 2	D 3	4
e).	Travel costs	D 1	D ₂	D 3	4
f).	Convenience of appointment time	D 1	D ₂	D ₃	4
g).	Waiting time for appointment	D 1	D 2	D 3	4
h).	Personal experience of the hospital	D 1	2	D 3	4
i).	Experience of friends or family members	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	4
j).	Reputation of the hospital	1	D ₂	D 3	4
k).	Friendliness of staff	1	D ₂	D 3	4
I).	How well organised the clinic is	D 1	D ₂	D 3	4
m).	Quality of food	D 1	D ₂	D ₃	4
n).	Quality of care	D 1	2 2	D 3	4
o).	Standard of facilities	1	D ₂	D 3	4
p).	Waiting time in waiting room	D 1	D ₂	D 3	4
q).	Ability to see consultant of your choice		2 2	D 3	4
r).	Other (please write in box)	1	2	3	4

Booking your appointment

11.	Who booked your hospital appointment?				
	Me - on the telephone \square_1	GP receptior	nist 🗋 4	Don't know/can't remember 🖵 7	
	Me - on the internet \square_2	Another pers GP surgery	on in the □ ₅	Other <i>(please write in box)</i>	
	GP	PALS / patie	nt advisor 🔲 🕫		
		<u>Choice</u>	general		
12.	Before you visited your GP, o can go to for your first hospi			ve a choice of hospitals that you	
	Yes 🗋 1	No			
13.	Before you visited your GP, of private sector hospital?	lid you know	you now can cho	oose to have NHS treatment in a	
	Yes 🗋 1	No	······ D ₂		
14.	At the time you were referred need to have an operation or				
	Yes 🔲 1	No	······ D ₂	Don't know 🗋 3	
15.	How important to you is bein	g offered a cl	hoice of hospital	?	
	Very important	🔲 1	Of little importance	се 🗋 4	
	Important		Unimportant		
	Somewhat important				

Hospital Performance

16. How would you rate the hospital you are attending for the following factors?

		Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor	Don't know
a).	Cleanliness	1	2	D 3	4	5	6
b).	Car parking	1	2	D ₃	4	D ₅	D ₆
c).	Close to your home or work	1	2 2	D ₃	4	D 5	D ₆
d).	Accessible on public transport	1	2 2	D ₃	4	5	1 6
e).	Travel costs	1	2 2	D ₃	4	5	1 6
f).	Convenience of appointment time	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	4	D ₅	6
g).	Waiting time for appointment	1	2	D ₃	4	5	6
h).	Personal experience of the hospital	1	D ₂	3	4	□ ₅	6
i).	Experience of friends or family members	1	D ₂	D 3	4	□ ₅	6
j).	Reputation of hospital	1	2 2	D 3	4	D 5	6
k).	Friendliness of staff	1	2	D ₃	4	5	6
I).	How well organised the clinic is	1	D ₂	D ₃	4	□ ₅	6
m).	Quality of food	1	2	D 3	4	5	6
n).	Quality of care	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	4	5	6
o).	Standard of facilities	D 1	D ₂	D ₃	4	5	6
p).	Waiting time in waiting room	D ₁	D ₂	D ₃	4	5	6
q).	Ability to see a consultant of your choice	1	2	3	4	5	6
r).	Other (please write in box)	D ₁	2	3	4	D 5	6

17. Have you heard about the performance of hospitals in your area from any of the following sources? (tick as many as apply)

Personal experience	1	
Experience of friends and family	2	Official performance reports
Local media	3	Newspaper
Grapevine/gossip	4	Other (please write in box) $\Box_{\mathfrak{g}}$
GP	5	

Marketing

18. Have you ever seen/heard an advert for any of the following?

		Yes	No	Don't know/can't remember
a).	The hospital you are attending	D 1	Q 2	3
b).	Other NHS hospitals in your area	D ₁	2	3
c).	Other private sector hospitals in your area	D ₁	2	D 3
d).	Patient choice	D 1	2	3
e).	Choose and book	1	2 2	D ₃
f).	NHS Choices website	1	2 2	3

Your local hospital

19. Do you think of the hospital/treatment centre you are attending as your 'local' hospital?

Yes..... $\Box_1 \rightarrow Go \text{ to } 21$ No.... $\Box_2 \rightarrow Go \text{ to } 20$ Not sure.... $\Box_3 \rightarrow Go \text{ to } 20$

20. What is the name of what you think of as your local hospital? (*Please write in box below*)

21.	What is your past experience of your location	al hospital?
	Generally good	Mixed
	Generally bad	No previous experience
22.	How would you normally travel to your lo	ocal hospital?
	Walk	Taxi 🔲 4
	Car 2	Other
	Public transport	
23.	About how long does it take you to trave Write the approximate number of <u>minutes</u> jo	
24.	How would you normally travel to hospit	als further away?
	Car	Taxi

	·	-	_
Public transport	2	Other	

Which hospital would you choose?

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Imagine that you are in the situation where your GP needed to refer you for your most recent outpatient appointment and you are offered a **choice** of which hospital you would like to go to.

Each question in this section asks you to choose between three different hospitals using **only** the information provided.

The information about each hospital may change from question to question. Sometimes the information may be missing altogether.

One of the hospitals is called **Your Local Hospital.** Imagine that this is the hospital you think of as your local hospital. We will present you with some situations where the service provided by this hospital might also be better or worse than now.

Remember, use the information provided for each hospital to make your choice, and tick **one** box only in each question.

There are no right or wrong answers to these choices; we are only interested in your views.

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Choice 1

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details	Your Local Hospital	Hospital 2	Hospital 3
Travel times			
Travel time to hospital	Current travel time	1 hour	2 hours
Waiting times			
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	1 week	1 week	8 weeks
Performance ratings			
Number of cancelled operations	Low	High	Low
Hospital infection rates	High	High	Average
Improvement in patient's health	Data not available	Average	Good
Patients' views from surveys			
Friendly staff, good communications with patients	Good	Average	Good
Clean hospital, good facilities	Average	Good	Data not available
Other opinions and experience			
Own previous experience	Good experience	Good experience	Good experience
GP's opinion of hospital	-	-	-
Recommendation of family and friends	-	Recommended	-
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Mixed coverage	Positive coverage	Negative coverage
Please select ONE of the following options	1	2	3

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Choice 2

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details	Your Local Hospital	Hospital 2	Hospital 3
Travel times			
Travel time to hospital	Current travel time	1 hour	1 hour
Waiting times			
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	8 weeks	8 weeks	5 weeks
Performance ratings			
Number of cancelled operations	Data not available	Low	High
Hospital infection rates	High	Average	High
Improvement in patient's health	Good	Poor	Average
Patients' views from surveys			
Friendly staff, good communications with patients	Data not available	Data not available	Good
Clean hospital, good facilities	Poor	Good	Good
Other opinions and experience			
Own previous experience	No past experience	No past experience	Bad experience
GP's opinion of hospital	-	-	-
Recommendation of family and friends	-	-	-
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Mixed coverage	-	-
Please select ONE of the following options	1	2	3

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Choice 3

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details		ur Local ospital	Hospital	2	Hospital 3
Travel times					
Travel time to hospital	Currer	nt travel time	2 hours		1 hour
Waiting times					
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	3	weeks	1 week		1 week
Performance ratings					
Number of cancelled operations		Low	Data not avai	lable	High
Hospital infection rates	A	verage	Data not avai	lable	Data not available
Improvement in patient's health	A	verage	Data not avai	lable	Poor
Patients' views from surveys					
Friendly staff, good communications with patients		Good	Poor		Average
Clean hospital, good facilities	Data r	not available	Data not avai	lable	Average
Other opinions and experience					
Own previous experience	Bad	experience	No past exper	ience	Bad experience
GP's opinion of hospital		-	-		-
Recommendation of family and friends		-	-		-
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Mixe	d coverage	Negative cove	erage	Negative coverage
Please select ONE of the following options	[1		2	3

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Choice 4

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details	Your Local Hospital	Hospital 2	Hospital 3
Travel times			
Travel time to hospital	Current travel time	30 mins	1 hour 30 mins
Waiting times			
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	8 weeks	1 week	1 week
Performance ratings			
Number of cancelled operations	Low	Data not available	Low
Hospital infection rates	Data not available	High	Average
Improvement in patient's health	Poor	Data not available	Average
Patients' views from surveys			
Friendly staff, good communications with patients	Good	Average	Data not available
Clean hospital, good facilities	Good	Average	Data not available
Other opinions and experience			
Own previous experience	No past experience	Good experience	No past experience
GP's opinion of hospital	-	-	-
Recommendation of family and friends	-	-	-
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Mixed coverage	-	Positive coverage
Please select ONE of the following options	1	2	3

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Choice 5

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details	Your Local Hospital	Hospital 2	Hospital 3
Travel times			
Travel time to hospital	Current travel time	1 hour 30 mins	1 hour 30 mins
Waiting times			
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	8 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
Performance ratings			
Number of cancelled operations	Low	Low	Data not available
Hospital infection rates	Low	Data not available	High
Improvement in patient's health	Poor	Data not available	Average
Patients' views from surveys			
Friendly staff, good communications with patients	Average	Data not available	Data not available
Clean hospital, good facilities	Poor	Average	Poor
Other opinions and experience			
Own previous experience	Bad experience	Good experience	No past experience
GP's opinion of hospital	Recommended	Recommended	-
Recommendation of family and friends	-	-	Recommended
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Positive coverage	-	Negative coverage
Please select ONE of the following options	1	2	3

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Choice 6

If you had been offered these choices when your GP referred you to the hospital, which hospital would you have chosen?

Hospital details	Your Local Hospital	Hospital 2	Hospital 3
Travel times			
Travel time to hospital	Current travel time	30 mins	1 hour
Waiting times			
Current waiting time for outpatient appointment	1 week	8 weeks	8 weeks
Performance ratings			
Number of cancelled operations	Data not available	Data not available	Average
Hospital infection rates	Low	Low	Average
Improvement in patient's health	Average	Average	Average
Patients' views from surveys			
Friendly staff, good communications with patients	Poor	Good	Good
Clean hospital, good facilities	Average	Good	Average
Other opinions and experience			
Own previous experience	No past experience	Good experience	Good experience
GP's opinion of hospital	-	Recommended	-
Recommendation of family and friends	-	-	Recommended
Coverage in the local press over the past year	Positive coverage	Positive coverage	Mixed coverage
Please select ONE of the following options	1	2	3

Health and healthcare

31.	How many times have you visited your GP in the last 12 months?
	Once
	2-5 times D 2 More than 10 4
32.	By placing a tick in one box in each group below, please indicate which statements best describe your own health state today.
a).	Mobility I have no problems in walking about
	I have some problems in walking about \Box_2
	I am confined to bed
b).	Self-Care I have no problems with self-care
	I have some problems washing or dressing myself \Box_2
	I am unable to wash or dress myself \square_3
c).	Usual Activities (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)
	I have no problems with performing my usual activities
	I have some problems with performing my usual activities \Box_2
	I am unable to perform my usual activities \square_3
d).	Pain/Discomfort I have no pain or discomfort
	I have moderate pain or discomfort
	I have extreme pain or discomfort \square_3
e).	Anxiety/Depression I am not anxious or depressed
	I am moderately anxious or depressed
	I am extremely anxious or depressed

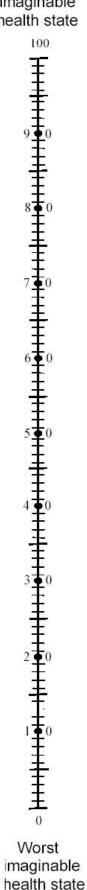
Best imaginable health state

33.

To help people say how good or bad a health state is, we have drawn a scale (rather like a thermometer) on which the best state you can imagine is marked 100 and the worst state you can imagine is marked 0.

We would like you to indicate on this scale how good or bad your own health is today, in your opinion. Please do this by drawing a line from the box below to whichever point on the scale indicates how good or bad your health state is today.

> Your own health state today



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Where you live

34.	How would you describe the area where	you live?
	City / large town	Small town
	Suburbs of a city/large town \square_2	Village / rural area
	Occupation and	d household income
35.	What is your education level?	
	No formal qualifications	Degree level qualification or equivalent $\square_{\mathfrak{s}}$
	GCSE / O level or equivalent \Box_{2}	Higher degree
	'A' levels or equivalent \square_{3}	Other (please write in box) \Box_7
	Professional qualification below degree level	
36.	Which of these best describes your cur	rent situation?
	In paid work	Looking after my family, home or dependants
		In full time education (including government training programmes)
	Retired from paid work \square_{3}	Other (please write in box) \Box_7
	Unable to work because of disability or ill health	
37.	Which of the following describes your a insurance?	nnual household income, before tax and national

(Please take pensions, benefits and any extra earnings into account)

Less than £5,000 🗋 1	£30,000 to £39,999
£5,000 to £9,999	£40,000 to £49,999
£10,000 to £14,999	£50,000 to £74,999
£15,000 to £19,999	£75,000 or more
£20,000 to £29,999	Don't know

38. Please tick one box to show which <u>best</u> describes the sort of work you do. (If you are not working now, please tick a box to show what you did in your **last** job).

Please tick <u>one box only</u>

	Modern professional occupations \Box_1
	Such as: teacher - nurse - physiotherapist - social worker - welfare officer – artist - musician - police officer (sergeant or above) - software designer
	Clerical and intermediate occupations
	Senior managers or administrators
	Technical and craft occupations
	Semi-routine manual and service occupations
	Routine manual and service occupations
	Middle or junior managers
	Such as: office manager - retail manager - bank manager - restaurant manager - warehouse manager - publican
	Traditional professional occupations
	Household composition
39.	Do you live alone (single person household)?
	Yes D ₁ No D ₂
40.	Are you the parent or guardian of anyone under 18 who lives with you?
	Yes D 1 No D 2

41.	Do you have access to the internet?			
	Yes	No 2		

About you

42. Are you	male or	female?
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Male	•••••	
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Female

43. What was your year of birth? (please write in below) e.g. 1934

44. What is your postcode? (please write in below)

45. To which of these ethnic groups do you belong? (Tick one only) White: British..... Asian or Asian British: Pakistan..... Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi...... White: Irish..... Any other White background...... $\square_{\,_3}$ Any other Asian background..... Mixed: White and Black Caribbean..... \square_4 Black or Black British: Caribbean..... Black or Black British: African..... Mixed: White and Black African..... Any other Black background..... Mixed: White and Asian..... \Box_{6} Any other Mixed background...... \Box_{τ} Chinese..... Asian or Asian British: Indian..... Other ethnic group (please write in box) **1**6

Thank you very much for your help

Please post this questionnaire back in the FREEPOST envelope provided No stamp is needed