

Medical Services for the NatWest Island Games 2011

NHS Isle of Wight, the Island's family doctors and pharmacies are proud to be supporting the NatWest Island Games. St. Mary's Hospital is situated in Newport, the main town, on the Island. It is a well equipped general hospital with a combined Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department and General Practice led walk-in service, The Beacon Centre, for dealing with unplanned medical care. There are diagnostic imaging (X-ray) facilities and full blood and microbiology pathology services on site.

All injuries and urgent major illness are dealt with by the A&E department. All minor illness is assessed and dealt with through the The Beacon Centre. Both departments share a common entrance and reception area. Access is via the main entrance to the hospital, under the white canopies. If needed, a telephone translation service is available.

We have organised services so that, whilst there are 17 general practice (family doctor) surgeries on the Island, it is better that all illness and injury within the visiting teams are seen at St Mary's Hospital in the A&E and Beacon walk-in centre. This is where the appropriate 24-hour medical and nursing cover will be. In any immediate emergency such as suspected heart attack or collapse, phone 999 to connect with emergency services. Ask for 'ambulance' and after a few basic questions an ambulance will be sent.

The Isle of Wight is part of the United Kingdom and therefore health care is delivered most of the time by the National Health Service (NHS). If visitors from members of the European Union are treated by the NHS here they should show their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and they will receive free treatment. If an overseas visitor comes from a country with a reciprocal arrangement for health care, then they also will receive free health care. If neither of these circumstances apply to an overseas visitor then St. Mary's Hospital will charge for medical services, but not for A&E emergency care i.e. significant injury. See summary table below.

We therefore ask visitors to remember to bring their EHIC and medical documentation with them, appropriate forms for exemption from charges (if applicable), and a sufficient supply of any regular medication to carry them through the games period including outward and homeward journeys.

High street pharmacists are also available for purchase of over-the-counter medication. This does not normally include antibiotics, but on the Isle of Wight, pharmacists may be able to prescribe a short course of an antibiotic for simple cystitis.

Further information about health services in the UK is available on the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk and specifically about NHS Isle of Wight at www.iow.nhs.uk.

Finally, we would remind competitors who take medication to check the Global Drug Reference Online website www.globaldro.com to know whether the medication is on the WADA prohibited list. Team managers will have instructions about Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) forms for those taking prohibited drugs for valid medical reasons.

During the games, if there are any concerns with medication Dr John Partridge is contactable as a member of the organizing committee.

Status of each Island for payment for medical care.

Island	Details	Agreement EEA/EU	Bi- Lateral	Health Cover Required
ALAND	Finland	Yes		EHIC
ALDERNEY	Channel Island			Private health Ins
BERMUDA	British Colony			Private health Ins
CAYMEN ISLANDS	Caribbean			Private health Ins
FALKLAND ISLANDS			Yes	Any resident is covered
FAROE ISLANDS	Part of Denmark but excluded from EC Regs			Private health Ins
FOYA ISLAND	Norway	Yes		EHIC
GIBRALTER			Yes	Only Nationals and UK Nationals
GOTLAND	Sweden	Yes		EHIC
GREENLAND	Part of Denmark, excluded from EC regs but does have a bi-lateral agreement with EU inc UK		Yes	Greenland Nationals only covered
GUERNSEY	Channel Island			Private health Ins
HITRA ISLANDS	Norway	Yes		EHIC
ISLE OF MAN				Private health Ins
JERSEY	Channel Island		Yes	Any resident is covered
MENORCA	Spain	Yes		EHIC
ORKNEY	Scotland	Yes		EHIC not req
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Canada			Private health Ins
RHODES	Greece	Yes		EHIC
SAAREMAA	Estonia	Yes		EHIC
SARK	Channel Island			Private health Ins
SHETLAND ISLES	Scotland	Yes		EHIC not req
ST. HELENA	British Colony		Yes	Any resident is covered
WESTERN ISLES	Outer Hebrides	Yes		EHIC not req
YNYS MON	Isle of Anglesey	Yes		EHIC not req