



Whittington Moor Surgery

Patient Participation Group

Where should I choose to have my operation?

As a patient you are entitled to choose the hospital or centre that will treat you. Different places may have different facilities and some may be better than others for specific conditions. The Patient Participation Group has compiled these questions for you to consider and the answers may help you decide which facility you want to use.

- ✚ Does the Centre have surgeons who specialise in my operation and if so what levels of success do they have?
- ✚ Does the Treatment Centre have an anaesthetist and a surgeon on the premises out of normal working hours?
- ✚ Does it have an Intensive Care and a High Dependency Unit?
- ✚ When can I be treated?

Some Additional Questions

- ✚ What medical staff are on site out of normal working hours?
- ✚ What aftercare facilities are available?
- ✚ Does the establishment meet the recommended safe staffing levels? If not, what are your staffing levels?
- ✚ What arrangements are in place between the hospital and my GP surgery for appropriate home support and aftercare immediately following discharge from hospital?
- ✚ Are there any guarantees that discharges will not be forced through at night?
- ✚ Infection rates – you can find information on a hospitals infection rates:
<http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/hospitalchoice/Pages/Choosingahospital.aspx>

Some Websites Containing Useful Information

There are lots of websites you can use for information on choosing a hospital; here are a few to help you with your research:

<http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Yourchoices/hospitalchoice/Pages/Choosingahospital.aspx>

Hospital Performance

<http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Hospital/LocationSearch/7/Procedures>

Consultants Performance

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/performance/Consultants>

Hospital Performance – Acute Services

<http://www.drfooster.com/updates/recent-publications/the-hospital-guide-2013/>

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