



Going private

Opting for private healthcare could be the best decision for you and your health, says MATTHEW HALL, orthopaedic surgeon and clinical director at the Kingston Wing in Yeovil Hospital



Perhaps the most obvious benefit of opting for private healthcare is you'll be waiting a shorter time for treatment or surgery.

Patients who choose to receive care on the Kingston Wing receive all the benefits of a private unit, including shorter waiting times and a tailored care plan, with the peace of mind that comes from being located within an NHS hospital.

More people want to take ownership of their health without it impacting their lifestyle - work, leisure activities or travel. This means they don't want to put their lives on hold waiting for treatment or surgery.

Appointments, surgery and treatment can be booked to suit you when you make the decision to have private healthcare. At the Kingston Wing, the team tailors every care plan to suit the individual, working with you to ensure your visits fit around a work schedule, family commitments or an upcoming holiday.

Private practices offer a myriad of hospital treatments. For example, the Kingston Wing offers a comprehensive range of services including breast surgery, cardiology, hip and knee surgery, through to dermatology and cosmetic treatments, such as Botox, fillers and the removal of varicose veins, all under one roof.

As a private patient you may also have the opportunity to choose your own surgeon. There's an increasing range of information about surgeons' performance which is available to patients to help them make informed decisions about who they come and see.

We put the patient at the absolute centre of everything we do here and that's an ethos which we all adhere to, whether you are a surgeon or nurse, a receptionist or housekeeper.

We're passionate about understanding what our patients need from their treatment, and what's important to them during their private healthcare experience. I want their time with us to be as comfortable and stress-free as possible. As a patient, if you feel confident and relaxed about your treatment, you'll progress through recovery and rehabilitation more easily and get back to your normal lifestyle more quickly.

When you pay for private healthcare, you can expect a certain standard of accommodation and service. On the Kingston Wing, we aspire to provide a service which is closer to a hotel experience than that of a hospital.

Patients staying overnight enjoy the privacy and comfort of their own room, with en-suite facilities, complimentary toiletries and towels and gowns. The bedrooms also offer Wi-Fi, large flat screen TVs and free to use telephones. A varied menu is available at all times.

Cost is one of the main considerations when thinking about private healthcare. At the Kingston Wing inclusive guide prices are displayed online and include all consultant and treatment fees, accommodation and food and drinks. A written quote, setting out all costs, is also provided before treatment. ♦