Before you go to A&E, think!

Is this an emergency? Can I wait and see my GP? Would one of the services below be better and quicker?

A quick guide to alternative services:

Ring your GP If the practice is closed, your call will be diverted to the out of hours GP service

NHS 111 - phone 111 Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

NHS Walk-in Centre (adults & children) Broad Lane, S1 3PB Open 8am-10pm, 365 days a year

NHS Minor Injuries Unit (adults only) Royal Hallamshire Hospital, S10 2JF Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week

Emergency Eye Care Service (adults only) Phone 0114 271 2495 Royal Hallamshire Hospital, S10 2JF Open Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm Children needing emergency eye care should be taken to the Sheffield Children's Hospital A&E

Urgent Dental Care - Phone 111 Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year If you need this leaflet in a different language, audio, large print or braille, please email us on sheccg.comms@nhs.net or call 0114 305 1212.



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Which service is best for me?

A guide to choosing the right NHS service if you become ill or are injured.

Accident & Emergency
Walk-in Services
GP (Doctor)
Pharmacy
NHS 111
Mental health help
Self Care

Self Care Hangover. Grazed knee. Sore throat. Cough.	Mental Health Help You're not alone: we can help you.	NHS 111 Unsure? Confused? Need help?	Pharmacy Diarrhoea. Runny nose. Painful cough. Headache.	GP (Doctor) Vomiting. Ear pain. Back ache. Injury.	Walk-in Services If you can't get to see your GP and it's not getting any better.	A&E or 999 Choking. Chest pain. Severe bleeding. Blacking out.
A lot of illnesses or symptoms, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, upset stomachs and aches and pains can be treated in your home by using a well- stocked medicine cabinet and by getting plenty of rest. Stock your medicine cabinet with paracetamol, aspirin, ibuprofen, anti- diarrhoea medicine, re-hydration mixtures, indigestion remedies, plasters and a thermomer. For more information, visit www.nhs.uk.	There are many different ways you can get support for your mental health, whatever your needs might be:search for 'Sheffield Mental Health Guide' online;call Sheffield NHS's Single Point of Access for Mental Health Services on 0114 226 3636;make a GP appointment.	NHS 111 is a free to call service which will help you when you need to get medical or dental help fast and you're not sure what to do. If needed, a healthcare professional will speak with you. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 111 free from a landline or mobile, or visit 111.nhs.uk . To access the NHS 111 service via textphone, call 18001 111 .	Your local pharmacist (chemist) is a highly trained healthcare professional and can give you advice on common illnesses and the medicines you need to treat them. They will have a quiet area where you can speak to the pharmacist more privately, and many are open during the evenings and weekends. To find your nearest pharmacy, visit www.nhs.uk or call 111.	If you have an illness or injury that won't go away, make an appointment with your GP. They provide a range of services by appointment, including medical advice, examinations and prescriptions. To find your local GP surgery, their details & opening times, visit www.nhs.uk. For an urgent GP appointment out-of- hours, just ring your GP practice's normal number.	Walk-in Services treat minor illnesses and injuries that do not need a visit to A&E. You do not need an appointment at the following and will be seen by an experienced nurse or doctor:Sheffield NHS Walk-in Centre Broad Lane, S1 3PB Open 8am-10pm, 365 days a yearNHS Minor Injuries Unit (for injuries, such as sprains, cuts and grazes) Royal Hallamshire Hospital, S10 2JF Open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week	The Accident and Emergency (A&E) department and the 999 service should only be used in life threatening and serious situations only. They will give immediate care for people who show symptoms of serious illness or are badly injured. If you call 999, the advisor may send an ambulance vehicle to your location. In Sheffield, A&E for adults (age 16+) is at Northern General Hospital , and A&E for children (under 16 years) is at Sheffield Children's Hospital .