# Cross Border Directive

at Kingsbridge Private Hospital, Belfast

A guide for GP's and Clinicians



Part of Kingsbridge Healthcare Group.

An overall guide for GP's and Clinicians should you wish to refer your patients to Kingsbridge Private Hospital under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive

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### What is the Cross Border Healthcare Directive?

The Cross Border Healthcare Directive is a piece of EU legislation that entitles patients in Ireland to access faster treatment or surgery across the border in Northern Ireland or any other EU state at potentially no cost.

It is available to all residents in Ireland whether a public patient or privately insured. However, a private health insurance policy does not cover treatment under the Cross Border Directive. To apply, all applicants are required to complete an application form and return it to the HSE. Patients initially pay up front and the cost will then be reimbursed to them approximately 10 - 12 weeks later after their surgery has been completed.

For a patient to begin their Cross Border Journey, all they will need is a referral from their GP or Clinician.

A guide for GP's and Clinicians

**6** Cross Border Directive referral to Kingsbridge has proved immensely popular with patients in my practice requiring orthopaedic procedures, hip and shoulder surgery especially. Patients have all been complimentary of the service and have had no post operative complications.

**Dr Michael Casey** Carna Health Centre, Co. Galway

### **Referring a Patient**

If you would like to refer a patient to Kingsbridge Private Hospital for services provided under the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive, all you have to do is fill in our online Cross Border Referral Form at **kingsbridgeprivatehospital.com**.

### How does it work?

2. Your patient will attend their consultation & pre-operative assessment with us in Belfast and we will personally assist them with all the paperwork.  Your patient attends Kingsb Private Hospital for their sur leaves with a pro forma invo submission to the HSE.

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**1.** Once the referral has been completed, your patient will be contacted regarding their consultation date.

**3.** A surgery date is booked on the day of their consultation and payment is settled 5 days prior.

### Patients have access to over 150 specialties. Typical procedures include:

### **Outpatient & Day Case**

Cataracts Carpal Tunnel Circumcision Tonsillectomy (Adult) Nerve conduction study Diagnostics Pain Management Urolift® Surgery Varicose Veins removal

### Inpatient

Hip replacement Knee replacement Tonsillectomy (Adult) Hernia repair Gall bladder removal Hysterectomy Breast reduction Spinal surgery ACL reconstruction

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Reimbursement from the HSE is received approximately 10-12 weeks later.

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# What our Cross Border patients have said:

**6 6** Excellent care, friendly caring staff, good facilities. The Cross Border Healthcare Directive was quick, efficient, easy to navigate and staff were lovely to deal with. **99** 

Ms O'Driscoll from Co. Cork Hip Surgery

**6** From the moment I attended the clinic to my operation I got 5-star treatment in every way. I have, and I will continue to recommend Kingsbridge Private Hospital and the Cross Border Healthcare Directive.

Mr Kavanagh from Co. Carlow Hip Surgery

**6** If it were not for Kingsbridge Hospital and the treatment received from my consultant and his team, I would to this day be unable to drive in the evening. Thanks to the fabulous people who looked after me.

Ms Moyles from Co. Meath Cataract Surgery

**6** Kingsbridge were very helpful and guided me through the process and paperwork. The procedure I had worked 100% and the care I got from all the doctors and nurses was first class.

Mr Donnelly from Co. Louth Back Surgery

### Procedure Price List Examples

Procedure	Price from	Maximum Rate of Reimbursement
Total Hip Replacement	£10,113 - £10,863	€10,038
Total Knee Replacement	£10,490 - £11,260	€10.471
Cataracts	£1,955	€2,211
Adult Tonsillectomy	£2,900	€3,173
Hernia Repair	£2,955	€4,786
Gallbladder Removal	£5,458	€5,400
Hysterectomy	£6,500	€7,686
Carpal Tunnel	£1,048 - £1,680	€1,365
Breast Reduction	£6,610	€5,796
Circumcision	£1,856 - £1,885	€1,939

\*All consultations are reimbursed up to €130

### Consultants

#### **Cardiac Surgery**

Mr Reubendra Jeganathan

#### Cardiology

Dr Patrick Donnelly

Dr Paul Horan

Dr Anthony McClelland

- Dr Brian McClements
- Dr Ian Menown

Dr Monica Monaghan

Dr Conleth Murphy

Dr Mark Spence

#### Dermatology

- Dr David Alderdice
- Dr Suzanne Clements
- Dr Nicola Cooke
- Dr Olga Kerr

#### ENT

- Mr Turlough Farnan
- Mr Ramesh Gurunathan
- Mr David McCaul
- Mr Ekambar Reddy

#### **Foot Surgery**

Mr Tim Kilmartin

#### G.U.M

Dr Say Pheng Quah

#### Gastroenterology

Dr Patrick Allen Dr Grant Caddy

Dr Sudheer Jacob

Dr Mark McLoughlin

Dr Gerard Rafferty

Dr Tony Tham

#### **General Medicine**

Dr Tom Trinick

General Medicine & Endocrinology Dr Hamish Courtney

#### **General Surgery**

Mr Garth Beattie Mr Barry Clements Mr Andrew Harris Mr Robert Kennedy Mr Ian McAllister Mr Damian McKay Dr John Moorehead Mr Muhammad Yousaf Mr Chuan Jin Tan

#### Gynaecology

Dr Ramez Ayyoub Dr Patrick Campbell Dr Priscilla Devaseelan Dr David Glenn Dr Alyson Hunter Dr David Hunter Dr Cavid Morgan Dr David Morgan Dr Declan Quinn Dr Frances Stewart Dr Agnieszka Zawislak Dr Mark McComiskey

#### Gynaecology and Fertility

Prof. Neil McClure

#### Haematology Dr Moulod EL-Agnaf

#### Neurology

Dr John Craig Dr Paul McMonagle

#### Ophthalmology

Dr David Armstrong Mr Wing Chan Dr Vasuki Jothi Mr Sri Kamalarajah Mr Brendan Lacey Mr Stuart McGimpsey Mr Asif Orakzai Dr Wefong Siah

#### Orthopaedic - Hand & Wrist

Ms Lynn Wilson

#### **Orthopaedic Spine & Neurosurgery**

Mr Ashraf Abouharb

Mr Kyle McDonald

Mr Nikolay Peev

Mr Mano Shanmuganathan

Mr Eugene Verzin (Spine only)

Mr Kyle McDonald (Spine only)

Mr Gregory McLorinan (DPU sessions only)

#### **Orthopaedics - Foot and Ankle**

Mr Gary Colleary

Mr Maurice O'Flaherty

Mr Michael McMullan

#### Orthopaedics - Hip and Knee

Mr Pooler Archbold

Mr Graham Bailie

Mr Andrew James

Mr Andrew Johnston

Mr Paul Magill

Mr Dennis Molloy

Mr Shanmugasundaram Rajkumar

Mr Roger Wilson

Orthopaedics - Shoulder, Elbow and Upper Limb

Mr Tim Doyle

Mr Jim McConway

Paediatric Cardiology

Dr Frank Casey

Dr Brian Grant

#### Paediatric Medicine

Dr Mugilan Anandarajan Dr David Sweet

#### Paediatric Neurology

Dr Deirdre Peake

#### Paediatric Surgery

Dr Alistair Dick

#### Paediatric Dermatology

Dr David Alderdice Dr Nicola Cooke

#### Paediatric Psychology Dr Mark Conachy

#### Urology

Dr Patrick Keane Mr John McKnight Mr Hugh O'Kane Mr Ajay Pahuja Mr Ian Walsh

#### Vascular

Mr Alastair Lewis Prof Mark O'Donnell Ms Julie Reid Mr Colin Weir

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Mr Gerard Smith

#### Pain Management

Dr Jason Brooks Dr Niranjan Chogle

Dr Michael Stafford

Dr John James O'Hanlon

#### Plastic Surgery Mr Khalid Khan

Mr Declan Lannon Mr Abid Rashid

**Psychiatry** Dr Richard Bunn

Dr Jennifer Doherty

#### **Psychology** Dr Mark Conachy Dr Jenny Maguire Dr Catherine Scullion

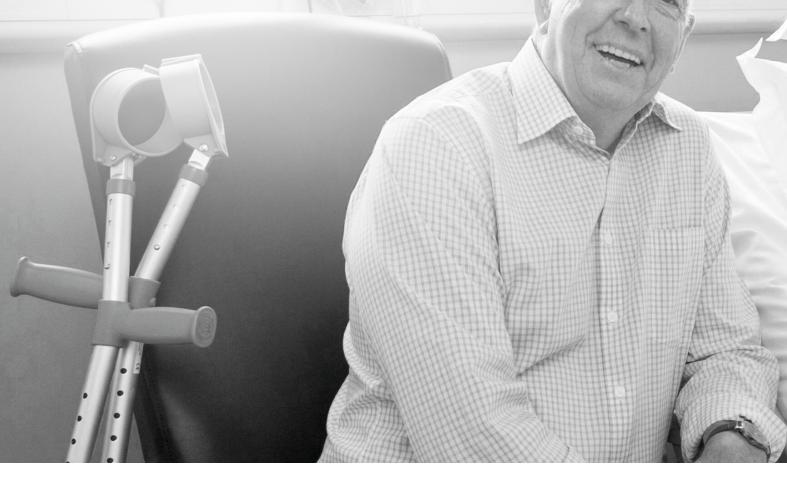
Dr Deborah Walton

Rheumatology Dr Gary Meenagh Dr Gary Wright

Sports Medicine Dr Alan Rankin

Thoracic Medicine Dr Paul McKeagney

### - Cross Border FAQs



#### 1. What is the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive?

EU legislation means that you have the right to receive medical treatment in another EU member state and skip the HSE waiting list. The HSE will pay the bill.

#### 2. Do you provide assistance in completing HSE forms for treatment reimbursement under the Cross Border Health Scheme?

Our dedicated One2One team will be there every step of the way for cross border patients. They will assist in the completion of HSE forms and explain the process in full.

#### 3. Who can qualify for the Cross Border Healthcare Directive?

CBD treatment is only available to Irish residents who qualify for public health care. You can't get CBD treatment if you're a private patient in Ireland.

Having private health insurance does not exclude you from CBD. But you cannot use your private health insurance to access your referral for healthcare abroad.

Only a GP or a consultant you are attending in a public capacity can refer you for CBD treatment.

You must travel abroad. You cannot use telemedicine, for example an outpatient consultation abroad by Skype or video, at any time during the CBD process.

You do NOT need to be on a waiting list to become eligible for this scheme, it is open to any citizen.



## 4. What types of healthcare are covered under the Directive?

You can get healthcare in other EU Countries if you qualify for that healthcare as a public patient in Ireland.

Your GP or consultant can tell you if the healthcare you want to get abroad is publicly available in Ireland and if you qualify for it.

There is no list of specific healthcare you can get abroad under CBD. Generally, if the healthcare is available publicly in Ireland, you can be referred for the same healthcare abroad. But there is some specific healthcare that are not covered by the scheme.

## 5. What types of healthcare are NOT covered under the CBD?

- Organ transplants
- Any long-term care that helps people do everyday tasks such as nursing home care
- Vaccination against infectious diseases
- Clinical trials

- Drug therapies that aren't currently provided publicly in Ireland
- 6. What are the reimbursement options for patients?

Patients must pay up front for their treatment. Patients can do this by taking out a loan from the Credit Union. Many local credit unions offer loans to eligible patients to avail of the Cross Border directive. These loans can then be paid off upon reimbursement from the HSE.

### Why Kingsbridge Private Hospital?

Kingsbridge Private Hospital is a state of the art 5 star facility located in the heart of South Belfast on the Lisburn Road.

Guided by the needs of our patients and their families, Kingsbridge Private Hospital, Belfast aims to deliver the highest level of care. Our three tenets of safety, patients focus, and efficiency form the foundation of our approach while offering sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic care in a safe and comforting environment.

With over **200 consultants** covering specialties in a range of healthcare areas, Kingsbridge Private Hospital can provide a variety of high performing surgeries and treatments.

Since 2015, Kingsbridge Private Hospital has treated over 10,000 Irish patients under the EU Cross Border Directive.

Five Star Healthcare

### How can we make this an easy process for your patient?

Our **One2One patient advisors** are on hand to provide a complimentary, personalised service to patients and are ready to answer any queries relating to our service offering, prices and potential onward treatment or referrals.

The One2One team are fully present when guiding patients through the Cross Border process and personally assist in completing the HSE paperwork, giving you and your patient peace of mind before they leave Kingsbridge Private Hospital.

### What can we do?

If you would like further information on how we can offer a seamless journey for patients under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive, Kingsbridge Private Hospital can provide the following:

- Practice visits
- Patient information stands
- Patient information packs
- CME training sessions

If you would like to get in touch you can: Call us on **048 9068 8858** Or email us at **crossborder@kingsbridgehealthcaregroup.com** 



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