

Feedback

We are keen to hear your comments and ideas about improving the service. Please email the department with any comments.

If you have any concerns or feedback please email the Occupational Health Service via:

✉ OHEnquiries@uhb.nhs.uk

How to refer

To request any of the services offered by Occupational Health or to find out more, please contact your local hospital below;

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (Heritage Building)

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Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham, B15 2TH

Tel: 0121 371 7170

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Heartlands Hospital

Stratford House, Bordesley Green Road,
Birmingham, B9 5SS

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Good Hope Hospital

23 Bedford Road, Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands, B75 6BE

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Why do I need to attend occupational health?

You need to attend occupational health to find out whether you have immunity to certain infectious diseases that you may encounter in the hospital environment and also to determine whether you have an infection that could be transmitted to patients and others.

Some blood tests are compulsory and some are advisory. Please read the information below and then discuss any concerns with the occupational health nurse at your clinic.

TB immunity

If you have a BCG scar from a previous vaccination then this is accepted as a sign of vaccination. If you do not have a scar you will need a mantoux test. The clinic nurse will explain this fully at your appointment. If you refuse this test you may be restricted from working with certain patients.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP)

This is for laboratory workers and depending on the hazards risk assessment - some Estates staff too. You should have received three primary course and two booster doses as part of your childhood vaccinations and your last booster must have been within in the last 10 years. If

you are working in an area identified as requiring this vaccination you will need to provide evidence of these vaccines and you will need a booster every 10 years.

Hepatitis B vaccination

Everyone working in a healthcare setting will be offered vaccinations against Hepatitis B. This is a course of 3 injections with a blood test first to check previous infection or immunity and a blood test at the end to check immunity. It is strongly recommended that you undertake this vaccination.

Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV

The Department of Health has produced guidelines that state that healthcare workers who carry out invasive procedures on patients must be able to demonstrate that they are not carriers of these blood borne viruses.

These guidelines apply to staff who are involved in exposure prone procedures whereby a gloved hand may come into contact with a sharp instrument or bone, and where the finger tips are not visible during a surgical procedure.

If you feel that you may have been at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV the Occupational Health Team can offer confidential testing.

Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)

You should have received 2 vaccinations as part of your childhood vaccination programme for MMR. You will be asked to produce evidence of these vaccinations. If you do not think you have had these vaccines then you will need to be vaccinated. In exceptional circumstances you will be offered a blood test to check your measles and rubella status.

Varicella (chickenpox)

If you have never had chickenpox or you had it outside of the UK, you will be required to have this blood test. If you are found to be non-immune you will be offered the vaccination.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Anyone working with new and expectant mothers or new born babies needs to be vaccinated. If you do not think you have had this vaccine, then you will need to be vaccinated.