



Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust

This information sheet explains how outpatient appointments at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) might be affected by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Key dates:

- Saturday 21 – Friday 27 July Olympic Torch Relay in London and surrounding area
- Friday 27 July – Sunday 12 August Olympic Games
- Wednesday 29 August – Sunday 9 September - Paralympic Games

If your appointment falls in and around the Games period you may have trouble attending your appointment due to the extra pressures that will be put on London and the surrounding area. It is predicted that an extra 20 million trips will be made within London during this time. There will be over 500,000 people a day travelling to events in and around London.

What do you need to do?

Please plan ahead, for example it might be better to arrange your outpatient appointments outside of this time period.

Will you be able to drive to the hospital?

New transport changes in force will affect driving through London. GOSH is in the middle of the Olympic Route Network and therefore there will be restrictions on driving to the hospital. Extra parking restrictions may also be in place.

Will you be able to use your usual public transport route?

We expect there will be overcrowding and delays on public transport. Use the TFL website to plan ahead or for up to the minute information (see below for details).

Will your usual accommodation be available?

The greater numbers of visitors in the Capital mean that all local hotels are likely to be fully booked.

Our commitment

We do not want these extra demands on London to affect any part of your child's clinical care or treatment. If you need to be seen within this period, we are looking at alternative ways of continuing your child's care such as telephone clinics (where appropriate) and clinics running outside of peak travelling hours. We will do everything we can to accommodate individual requests and needs.

For more information

- If you have any questions, please telephone the number on your appointment letter.
- Further information will be available later in the year on the GOSH website: www.gosh.nhs.uk
- Please tell staff what you think about these changes. Our aim is to run a service that is safe and efficient and meets the needs of patients.
- For travel advice to make your journeys easier: <http://www.getaheadofthegames.com/>
- For all travel information visit Transport for London (TFL): www.tfl.gov.uk
- For National Rail enquiries: www.nationalrail.co.uk/