

Travel Abroad Scheme

If your child is a public healthcare patient and requires treatment that is not available in Ireland, you may be able to use the Treatment Abroad Scheme to get treatment in another EU Member State or in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland.

The Travel Abroad Scheme is different from the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive, which covers treatment abroad that is available in Ireland.

Only a public hospital consultant in Ireland can refer the patient for treatment abroad. GPs cannot provide referral.

The consultant must confirm that the patient needs treatment abroad and must confirm that the treatment is:

- Medically necessary and will meet the patient's needs
- A proven form of medical treatment and not experimental or test treatment
- In a recognised public hospital or institution run by a registered medical practitioner
- In a hospital that will accept the Treatment Abroad Scheme form EU/EEA Form E112 (IE)

How do I apply?

The referring consultant and patient or their parent must complete the application form which is available on the HSE's website and include a copy of the referral letter.

The application must be approved by the HSE before travel or starting treatment abroad. A decision on the application will be made within 15-20 working days.

Families of children who are patients of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin; Children's University Hospital, Temple St; The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght can contact the Treatment Abroad Scheme at Tel: **056 778 4553**

The information above is an overview of the Treatment Abroad Scheme

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

Visit the [HSE website](#)

Contact your medical social worker

Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm