

New to Northern Ireland trainees: Information and Resources

Belfast Trust (BHSCT) Welcome Pack

- [Welcome Pack and Digital Onboarding](#)

BHSCT - IT access and Application / Software Access (Self-service)

- [%name - Service Portal \(service-now.com\)](#)

BHSCT Payslip access via HRPTS

- [Human Resources and Organisational Development - How to Log On to HRPTS.pdf - All Documents \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Joining the Medical defence organisations (MPS or MDU) and BMA

- [Join MDU - The MDU](#)
- [Join the MPS - Join Medical Protection](#)
- [Join the BMA](#)

Working & National Insurance numbers

If you want to work or claim benefits in the UK, you must have a National Insurance Number (NINO).

- [National Insurance numbers](#)

Setting up a new bank account – Bank of Ireland

- [Personal - Bank of Ireland UK](#) or contact the Account Opening Team (NI Consumer Direct) – 0800 850 444.
- We have been working with the Bank of Ireland (BoI) to try and facilitate those who need to open a local bank account. If you mention “Belfast Trust” in the application process, our link in the BoI will actively look out for your application and invite you in for a F2F discussion with your documentation (proof of address, passport and Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) / visa).

Relevant legislations/policies

- [Good Relations Strategy \(to be updated\)](#)
- [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)

- [Harmonious Working Environment Statement/Joint Declaration of Protection](#)
- [Conflict, Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace Policy & Procedure](#)
- [A Zero Tolerance approach to the prevention and management of Aggression and Violence towards staff in the workplace](#)

Training and Resources

- [BME Mental Health Toolkit A Guide for Practitioners.pdf \(hscni.net\)](#)
- [Migration and Health: Enhancing Intercultural Competence and Diversity \(course\)](#)

Immigration & Visa

The Home Office is a government department responsible for immigration and visa applications. There are many types of UK visas.

- [Visas and immigration](#)
- [Staying in Northern Ireland if you're an EU citizen](#)
- [Life in the UK Test](#)
- [Passport Office](#)
- [Who has no recourse to public funds \(NRPF\)](#)

Housing

There are different types of housing including rented accommodation, private rented and social housing .

- [Renting a home privately](#)
- [Buying a home - things to consider](#)
- [A guide to rates](#)
- [Affordable housing through housing associations](#)

Health Care

To access health service within NI, you need to register with a General Practitioner (GP). GPs are the local/family doctors who look after the health of people in the local community.

General Practitioner Services

- [Your local doctor \(GP\)](#)

Dental Services

To access dental check-up or treatment, you need to register with a dentist, you may need to pay for your dental treatment depending your circumstances.

- [Dentist](#)
- [Find a Dentist](#)

Health & Social care services

National Health Services (NHS) in Northern Ireland is referred to as Health and Social Care (HSC). HSC services include acute and emergency, care and social services in the community. There are 5 Health and Social Care Trusts providing HSC services across five regions within their Trust's area. NI Ambulance Service Trust covers all regions.

- [Health and Social Care trusts](#)
- [HSC Public Health Agency](#)

Education in Northern Ireland

Education is compulsory for children between the ages of four and 16 in Northern Ireland.

- [Pre-school education places](#)
- [Getting a primary school place](#)
- [Transfer to a post-primary school](#)
- [Further Education](#)
- [Further Education \(FE\) Colleges](#)
- [What higher education is](#)
- [Find out more about universities, colleges and courses](#)
- [Education Authority](#)
- [Home | Department of Education](#)

Driving

You can drive in NI with a car and motorcycle if your licence is valid. Your licence must confirm that you have full entitlement to drive that vehicle

- [Apply for a provisional driving licence](#)
- [Exchanging your foreign driving licence](#)
- [Providing proof of identity for a driving licence](#)

Public Transport

Public transport in NI includes bus, rail, taxi and ferry

- [Bus and coach travel](#)

- [Ferry travel](#)
- [Rail travel](#)
- [Safer travel guidance for public transport users](#)
- [Taxis](#)

Working in Northern Ireland

You may need a work permit and possibly visa to work in NI if you are not a British citizen.

- [Finding a job](#)
- [Applying for jobs](#)
- [CVs and cover letters](#)

Workforce Equality

A **trade union** is an organisation with members who are workers or employees and it aims to protect their employment rights, advocate on their behalf and improve their conditions at work.

- [Trade Unions](#)

Paying Tax

Employees pay income tax and National Insurance contributions. Your employer takes these directly from your wage or salary before you get paid. Your payslip will show your contributions.

- [Tax information](#)

Government in Northern Ireland

There are different levels of governmental ruling in NI, from the NI Assembly (formed by elected MPs). The NI Executive office runs the devolved government in NI on behalf of the Assembly.

- [Northern Ireland Assembly](#)

The 11 local councils run by local elected councillors and their responsibilities include providing certain services from local sport and leisure centre to collecting bin

- [Find your local council](#)

Election/Voting

If you are eligible to vote, you can register <http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

- [Elections | nidirect](#)

Useful links

General advice

The website www.helplinesnetworkni.com offers a single point of access to Northern Ireland helpline numbers and websites, where people can find the right helpline to suit their needs

- [Helplines NI](#)

Legal & Immigration

- [Law Centre \(NI\) - Belfast Office](#)
- [Law Centre \(NI\) - Western Area Office](#)

Emotional support & counselling Organisations

- [Counselling All Nations Services \(CANS\)](#)
- [Lifeline | Lifeline Helpline](#)
- [Aware NI - Home \(aware-ni.org\)](http://aware-ni.org)
- [The 1+1 Project Bilingual Mental Health Project](#)
- [5 steps to mental wellbeing - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Staff Health and Wellbeing \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
- [Home | B Well Belfast \(hscni.net\)](http://hscni.net)

Minority Ethnic groups and organisations working with Minority Ethnic communities

- [Migrant Centre NI](#)
- [Indian Community Centre | Belfast, Northern Ireland \(iccbelfast.org\)](http://iccbelfast.org)
- [Home - Chinese Welfare Association \(cwa-ni.org\)](http://cwa-ni.org)
- [Belfast Islamic Centre – Islamic Center](#)
- [NI Muslim Family Association \(NIMFA\) | CommunityNI](#)
- [All Nations Ministries | CommunityNI](#)
- [Africa House NI - Homepage](#)
- [Polish Educational And Cultural Association](#)
- [Stronger Together](#)

Multilingual Health Information

- [How to translate information on the PHA website using ReachDeck and translations | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)
- [PHA launches COVID-19 vaccination toolkit to support uptake | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)