

# Quick Guide to Searching

There are 2 types of search...

## 1

### Service search

Find different types of services to refer a patient, based on a postcode location.

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#### Useful for:

- Finding a range of services in a particular location
- Comparing different services
- Understanding what is available in an area

#### Top tips

- Type 'all' in the search box to see a list of all the services you can use in your search
- Enter GP details where possible to broaden the results (some services are restricted to a GP practice)
- Add patient information (sex and age) if you want to filter the results

## 2

### Look up a service

Find the details for a specific service, where you know the name of it or part of the address.

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#### Useful for:

- Finding a particular service that you know exists
- Checking contact details or referral instructions of a specific service

#### Top tips

- Type as much of the name as you can accurately remember
- Include parts of the address if known
- Try adding or removing words to widen or narrow the search e.g.  
'Boots Manchester' = 42 results  
'Boots Opticians Manchester' = 7 results  
'Boots Opticians Manchester M21' = 1 result

### General search tips

- Click on the NHS logo or 'back to start' to reset the search and return to the homepage
- Use your web browser's print functionality to print service contact information and opening times for your patient
  - N.B. Click on 'Show map' before printing to include a map