

## Health and support in Bournemouth

If you are moving to this beautiful area, visiting friends and relatives or on holiday there may be an occasion when you need to visit a local dentist or doctor, find an out of hours pharmacy or hire a mobility scooter for a few days. Hopefully, the information on this page can help guide you in the right direction.

Phoning [111](#) will probably be the first place you want to start if you have a health issue and you are unsure about what to do. This is a 24 hour helpline for everyone and is available 7 days a week. There are numerous doctor's surgeries throughout the area but you can find the nearest one to you in Bournemouth [here](#). If you need a pharmacy then there is a large [Boots](#) in the town centre which is open daily including Saturday and Sundays. If you need one that is a little nearer to where you are then look at the [NHS find a pharmacy](#) website.

[Bournemouth Hospital](#) is based just on the outskirts of the town. The hospital includes an emergency department and is open 24 hours a day 365 days per year. Patients will have rapid access to diagnostic equipment and 24 hour emergency theatres. If it's a dentist you require then take a look at the [NHS website](#) to find your nearest practice, or ring [111](#) if it is an emergency and you do not have a local dentist.

## Accessibility and wheelchair hire

Our beautiful beaches are accessible to all and for easier access onto the sand we have beach-going wheelchairs with balloon tyres, take a look at our [accessibility page](#) for further information or call 01202 123800 for further information. We also have dedicated [beach chalets](#) at Boscombe beach with wheelchair access along with accessible parking spaces and toilet facilities close by. Please call 01202 123800 to book.

Fancy a spot of shopping then Shopmobility units can be found at the [Sovereign Centre](#) in Boscombe and [Castlepoint Shopping Centre](#) in Castle Lane. The Neighbouring town of Poole also has a [Shopmobility service](#). These vital services are available to anyone, no matter what their mobility impairment is. Whether it is temporary or permanent or caused by illness, pregnancy, accident or age.

If you have a mobility problem and need equipment then take a look at our [accessibility page](#) where we have listed a variety of companies that offer equipment, everything from electric scooters to manual wheelchairs. Both long and short loans are available.

Please take a look at the [official government website](#) if you require up to date information on coronavirus.

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