

Estimated waiting times

Data as recorded on 2 April 2026 (for the reporting month March 2026.)

Kindly be advised, these wait times are not updated in real time, and may differ from week to week

Waiting times are given in weeks, unless otherwise stated.

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Service / procedures	Description	Colchester Hospital waiting time (weeks) for first appointment	Ipswich Hospital waiting time (weeks) for first appointment
General Surgery	Within general surgery, you could be having any of the below surgeries.	44	46
Urology	Urinary tract systems and male reproductive organs	51	34
Urology Paeds		39	N/A
Breast Surgery (Family History)	Surgery for breast/ chest	N/A	3

Colorectal	Disorders of the rectum, anus and colon	N/A	52
Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic	Liver, gall bladder, bile duct and pancreas	N/A	N/A
Upper GI	Stomach and Intestines	N/A	52
Vascular	Vascular system (arteries, veins and lymphatic circulation)	34	47
Spinal	Spinal issues	43	52
Trauma and Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle	Trauma and orthopaedic specialists for lower limbs (ankles and feet)	40	49
Trauma and Orthopaedic Upper Limb	Trauma and orthopaedic specialists for upper limbs (shoulders, arms, hands)	43-45	44
Trauma and Orthopaedic Lower Limb	Trauma and orthopaedic specialists for lower limbs (legs and knees)	33-45	32
Trauma and Orthopaedic Paeds		17	N/A
Ears, Nose and Throat	Ears, nose, throat	45	36

ENT Paediatrics	Ears, nose, throat	44	35
ENT 2WW		5 Days	24 Days
Head & Neck 2WW		1 Day	N/A
Ophthalmology	Eyes	31	37
Ophthalmology Paeds		44	N/A
Oral Surgery	Surgery for the mouth and jaw	13	40
Oral Surgery Paeds		12	N/A
Oral 2WW		11 Days	11 Days
Orthodontics	Teeth and jaw alignment	N/A	N/A
Plastics Surgery	Repair and reconstructing damaged tissue and skin	N/A	29
Pain Management		N/A	N/A
General Medicine (Lipids)		N/A	44
Gastroenterology	The digestive system	63	49

Endocrine	The circulatory system	12	36
Haematology	Blood disorders	8	8
Clinical Physiology		N/A	N/A
Diabetes	Supporting patients who have diabetes, are pre-diabetic and associated conditions	N/A	12
Neuro Rehabilitation		11	N/A
Cardiology	Cardiology	54	36
Stroke		N/A	6
Transient Ischaemic Attack		N/A	N/A
Dermatology	Skin conditions	35	43
Dermatology Paeds		36	
Skin 2WW		4 Day	10 Days
Respiratory	Breathing and the respiratory organs	55	20

Respiratory Physiology (Sleep Studies)		3	N/A
Consultant Telephone Sleep Clinic		56	
CPAP Set-up Clinic		35	
Neurology	Nerves	47	37
Neuro Physiology		See below	
EEG		4	
EMG		11	
NCS		5	
Rheumatology	Pain and inflammation of joints and musculoskeletal system	50	36
Paediatric Cardiology		32	
Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy		23	
Paediatric Diabetic Medicine		N/A	
Paediatric Epilepsy		12	

Paediatric Gastroenterology		21	
Paediatric Medical Oncology		0	
Paediatric Nephrology	Kidneys	13	
Paediatric Neurology	Nerves	12	
Paediatric Respiratory Medicine		30	
Paediatric Rheumatology		16	
Paediatric Urology		4	
Children's Services	All services for children and their parents including paediatrics	17	12
Paediatric Community / Neurology		40	
Older Peoples Services	Services for older people, including medical, social and emotional needs	10	7

Gynaecological Oncology		2 Days	
Gynaecology General		40	55
Gynaecology Menopause		40	
Gynaecology Urogynaecology		32	
Gynaecology Vulval		36	
Gynaecology Endometriosis		40	
Gynaecology Miscarriage		30	
Gynaecology Coil clinic		16	
Gynaecology Hyst coil clinic		28	
Occupational Therapy		N/A	N/A
Speech and Language Therapy	Speech and language therapy	6	11

Dietetics	Diet, health and nutrition	8	31
Orthoptics	Eyes and eye muscles	N/A	13
Orthotics	Medical devices such as braces and splints	2	17
Audiology	Ears and hearing	N/A	36
Medical Imaging			
X-Ray		4	Routine 4 weeks 2
CT		6	Routine 6 weeks 2
MRI		6	Routine 6 weeks 3
Ultra Sound		6	Routine 6 weeks 3

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Adult Physiotherapy MSK	14
Musculoskeletal Tier 2 Service	10
Musculoskeletal Spinal Service	4
Pain Management	20
Podiatry Routine	47
Podiatry Biomechanics	21
Podiatry Home Visits	41
Podiatry Nail Surgery	10
Podiatry Paediatrics	25
Podiatry Diabetes Service	33
Cardiology	1
Cardiology Echo	1
Dietetics	6
Dietetics Gastro	21

Lymphedema	4
Respiratory Pulmonary Rehab	21
Respiratory Physiotherapy	4
Respiratory COPD	4
Respiratory Home Oxygen Service	18
Early Stroke Discharge	0
Speech and Language Adults	24